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Leaving Our Mark

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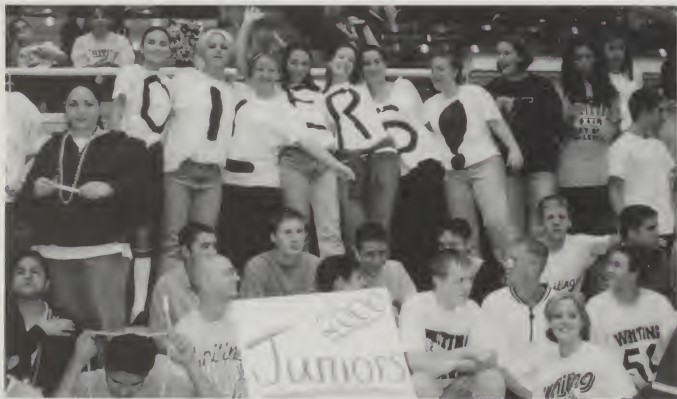
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO OILERS!

Oilers looking forward to a productive year

It has been three short months of fun in the sun, but now it's back to the real world. The world where we get up at 7:30 and pray that we can make it to first period on time. The world of sports, activities, academics, friends, memories, and good times. This is our world. We are students. We are Oilers. We are proud. We are going to "Leave Our Mark!" Welcome to Whiting High School!

↓ Below, Juniors compete for the coveted spirit stick by showing their school spirit during the Homecoming pep rally.

↓ Right, Sophomores Kelly Stelman, Shannon Fillipek, Abby Irvine, Bridget Donovan, April Irizarry, and Kara Krask have a little fun during spirit week's pajama day.



2 Mark Hallin II

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√ Left, Rachel Lyons, Tami Legg and Jess Moskalick impersonate the senior football players during the senior skit.

√ Below, A group of students enjoy each other's company during one of the many Homecoming festivities.



√ Left, Freshman Fran Raycroft diligently studies during German class.

√ Below, A group of students stand and enjoy the warmth of the bonfire that sparked Homecoming week.





PEO



4 Katherine Farmer



P L E



Katherine Farmer 5

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Staff and Administration

Working together to keep it together



✓ Whiting Superintendent Mr. Gerald McCullum



✓ Principal's Secretary Mrs. Linda Wilson and WHS Principal Mr. Dirk Flick



✓ Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sandra Martinez



✓ Whiting High School Counselor Mr. Robert Klosek



✓ Whiting School Board of Trustees 1999



✓ WHS Truancy Officer Mr. Bruce Stewart

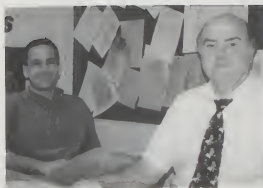


✓ Left, Main Office Staff:
Mrs. Barb Justak, Mrs. Shella Kobli, Mrs. Linda Wilson, Mrs. Lucy Leyba
✓ Right, Central Office Staff



6 Aletha Dunston

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✓ Athletic Director Mr. Ed Hruskacy and Assistant Athletic Director Mr. Paul Laub



✓ Nurse Sandra Gulvas



✓ Assistant Joe Curosh and Technology Director "Bigg" Don Kaminsky



✓ Cafeteria Staff



✓ Bus Drivers



✓ Maintenance



✓ Operations Staff

Aletha Dunston 7

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Teachers

Checking the work...



- ✓ Mrs. Baxter
- ✓ Special Education teacher
- ✓ 7 years



- ✓ Mr. Cain
- ✓ Communication Production; Communication Applications; Middle School
- ✓ 11 years



- ✓ Mr. Donovan
- ✓ Economics; Government; Psychology; Sociology
- ✓ 2 years



- ✓ Ms. Flaris
- ✓ Advanced English 12; English 12, English Skills
- ✓ 13 years



- ✓ Ms. Flores
- ✓ Spanish I, II
- ✓ 1 year



- ✓ Mrs. Fritz
- ✓ Physical Education; Health; Middle School
- ✓ 24 years



- ✓ Miss Guaccio
- ✓ English 11, 12; Advanced English 10, 11
- ✓ 8 years



- ✓ Mrs. Herochik
- ✓ Geometry; Pre-Calculus; Calculus
- ✓ 4 years



- ✓ Mr. Hruskocy
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Athletic Director
- ✓ 1 year



- ✓ Ms. Hylek
- ✓ Communication Arts; English 10; Tattler; Reflector
- ✓ 2 years



- ✓ Mrs. Kiochan
- ✓ Spanish I-IV
- ✓ 9 years



- ✓ Mrs. Kobli
- ✓ Long Distance Learning Coordinator
- ✓ 2 years



- ✓ Mr. Kuhn
- ✓ Band; Middle School
- ✓ 9 years



- ✓ Mr. Laub
- ✓ Algebra I, II
- ✓ Assistant Athletic Director
- ✓ 29 years



- ✓ Miss Lemon
- ✓ Accounting I, II; Computer Applications; Business Law; Business Management
- ✓ 16 years

... Marking the grades

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- ✓ Mr. Lenz
- ✓ Pre-Algebra; Investigative Geometry; Algebra I
- ✓ 3 years



- ✓ Mrs. Leonhardt
- ✓ German I-IV
- ✓ 11 years



- ✓ Mr. Long
- ✓ Chemistry I; Earth/Space Science; Physical Science
- ✓ 3 years



- ✓ Mrs. Mindas
- ✓ Art I, II, III; Applied Arts; Ceramics/Crafts; Middle School
- ✓ 10 years



- ✓ Mrs. Moskalko
- ✓ Special Education Aide
- ✓ 1 year



- ✓ Mr. Moynihan
- ✓ Advanced English 9; English 9, 10
- ✓ 3 years



- ✓ Mr. Nichols
- ✓ Biology I, II
- ✓ 4 years



- ✓ Miss Roycroft
- ✓ Chemistry I, II; Biology I
- ✓ 4 years



- ✓ Mr. Rebey
- ✓ Computers in Design and Production; Manufacturing; Middle School
- ✓ 33 years



- ✓ Mrs. Reinhart
- ✓ Choir
- ✓ 9 years



- ✓ Mr. Segudovic
- ✓ Physical Education; Health; Middle School
- ✓ 2 years



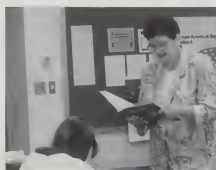
- ✓ Ms. Sheldon
- ✓ Library
- ✓ 31 years



- ✓ Mr. Sorota
- ✓ Physical Science; Math Skills; Physics; Pre-Calculus
- ✓ 34 years



- ✓ Mr. Vrabel
- ✓ U.S. History; Current Problems
- ✓ 28 years



- ✓ Left, Frau Leonhardt helps her students with their pronunciation skills by having them listen to her read from the German textbook.
- ✓ Right, Mr. Hruskocy shows his students the location of the country they are learning about in class.

Mr. Mr. 9

FRESHMEN CLASS

2002

✓ The 1998-99 Freshmen Class Officers. Left to right: Vice-President Francis Raycroft; President Nely Cervantes; Treasurer Raquel Leyba; and Secretary Lilia Castelan.



Someone you look up to

1. A family member
2. Someone from school
3. A famous person
4. No one
5. Myself



Favorite Kind of Music

1. Rap
2. Alternative
3. R & B
4. Rock
5. Country
6. Freestyle
7. Mexican
8. All Kinds

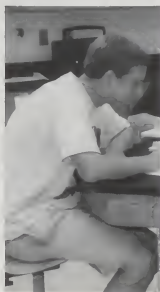


10 Jason Davidson



Top 5 reasons why I dislike being a freshman ...

1. Being picked on by upper-classmen
2. Three more years of high school
3. Being the youngest
4. New experiences
5. Expected to be more responsible



Top 5 reasons why I like being a freshman ...

1. I don't
2. New things and meeting new people
3. More freedom than in middle school
4. Finally out of middle school
5. In a few years I'll be a senior

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FRESHMEN

Just Checking In.....



Melissa
Aponte



Amy
Atteberry



Christina
Banas



Chad
Boland



Stacy
Boldin



Stephen
Buranosky



Thomas
Casey



Lilia
Castelan



Nely
Cervantes



Ryan
Cogdill



James
Conley



Juana
Cossyleon



Gregory
Cruz



Joshua
Dado



Brian
Delgado



Eric
Drewniak



Laurie
Edwards



Nicole
Fetsis



Sean
Finegan



Laura
Fisher



Rafael
Flores



Alberto
Grageda



Brian
Granberg



Jessica
Halliar



Amanda
Harris



Timothy
Heeringa



Paul
Honeycutt



Peter
Honeycutt



Ryan
Kertis



Brian
Korman



Terry
Legg



Raquel
Leyba



Vianey
Luna



James
Madison



Brooke
Malkowski



Crystal
Miller



Robert
Miller



Steven
Miller



Caitlin Mills-
Granger



Alejandro
Miramontes



Jeffrey
Mis



Daniel
Montantes



Nicole
Morando



Courtney
Oswald



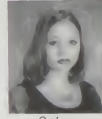
Kathryn
Papach



Jennifer
Pierzchalski



Francis
Raycroft



Robin
Reyes



Sylvia
Reynoso



Stephanie
Roberts



Gianna
Rossi



Bobbi Jo
Rutherford



Miguel
Santos



Amanda
Smith



Michelle
Smith



Justin
Taylor



Jason
Tokoly



Ry
Torhan



Edward
Trevino



Rafael
Uribe



Robert
Velez



Amber
Werth



Dennis
Wright



Kevin
Zurek

Class of 2002

Sophomore Class

2001

Memorable/ Embarrassing Moments

Being nominated
and winning
homecoming
attendant.

-Kara Krask

When Jimmy
missed a board,
slipped, and fell
into the lake.

-Dave Buksar

When I flew into
the bleachers
during a game
trying to save an
out-of-bounds
ball.

-Ashley Cooper

When I dropped
all the trays at
lunch, and Mr.
Vrabel yelled at
me in front of
everyone.

-Desire Morrison



Popular Bands/ Singers

N-Sync

Backstreet Boys

Eminem

Tupac

Lauryn Hill

Offspring

Sophomore Class Officers. Above
top to bottom, Pete Protolipac,
Vice-president; Robby Vrabel,
treasurer; Aletha Dunston, secre-
tary; and Abby Irvine, president.

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Trends

Tommy Hilfiger
chunky shoes,
pigtails, FUBU,
bellbottoms,
butterflies,
and piercings.



Top 3 Movies:

1. Varsity Blues
2. There's Something About Mary
3. The Faculty



Jessica Araya 15

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Sophomores

Moving on up...



Gabriela
Alvarez



Tanya
Anaya



Robert
Arredondo



Susan
Boyle



Charles
Brewer



David
Buksar



Stefan
Callas



Jason
Coleman



Dwain
Cook



Ashley
Cooper



Christopher
Davidson



Katherine
DeLuna



Bridget
Donovan



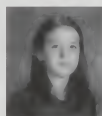
Aletha
Dunston



Bridget
Elza



Marisela
Escobar



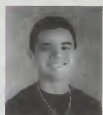
Shannon
Filipek



Marissa
Ford



Maritza
Galaviz



Paul
Garcia



Kathryn
Giglio



Karla
Grageda



Rachel
Gorman



Danielle
Goodman



Tina
Guajardo



Veronica
Gutierrez



Stefanie
Hemm



Isaac
Hernandez



April
Irizarry



Abigail
Irvine



Matt
Kirkland



Barbara
Koblack



Tiffany
Kontrik



Jeffery
Koval



Kara
Krasik



Paul
Krizo



Kyle
Lesar



Miguel
Ulerena



Nick
Loomis



Brian
Maloney



Maritza
Martinez



Christine
Matejko



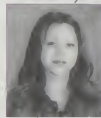
Alicia
Melgoza



Nora
Melgoza



Desire
Morrison



Jessica
Nagy



Raymond
Orosco



Pete
Protolipac



Kevin
Rigg



Nicholas
Ringer



Rachel
Rodgers



James
Roman



Shaun
Sanchez



Osbaldo
Santos



Emmanuel
Solis



Agnes
Sotak



Kelly
Stolman



Heather
Thorgren



Robert
Vrabel



Jonathan
Vujko



Eric
Winn



Jennifer
Young

Class of 2001

Junior Class

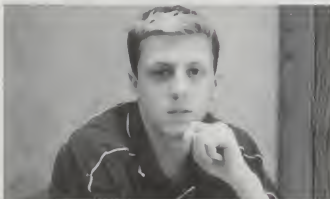
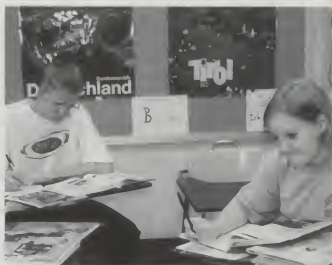
2000

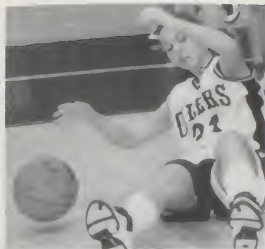
Most Memorable Event

1. "When Dave Singh fell down the stairs." -- Eddie Gomez
2. "The lunch time conversations that we have about life." -- Tanya Adair
3. "When I was given the name "Master of Puppets." -- John Menzyk
4. "When I got expelled." -- Mark Zareer
5. "Pretending that my friends and I were the paparazzi after the Sectionals Dance." -- Nicole Lemus



✓ The 1998-99 Junior Class Officers. Left to right: Treasurer Sarah Puhek; President Michelle Kobli; Secretary Mandy Blastick; and Vice-President Matt Dado.





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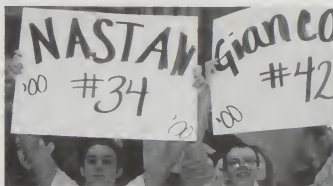
Looking Forward to in Senior Year:

1. Graduation
2. Everything
3. Football season
4. Getting better grades
5. Being mean to freshmen



Favorite Musicians

1. Korn
2. Metallica
3. TLC
4. Savage Garden
5. Tu-Pac



Favorite Subjects

1. History
2. Math
3. Science
4. English
5. Art



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Leaving Our Mark Juniors

Ready to RULE...



Kimberly
Abrego



Tanya
Adair



Craig
Balling



Michael
Beda



Jacquelyn
Benko



Mandy
Blastick



Yolanda
Casillas



Sean
Coleman



Nicole
Condy



David
Curosh



Matthew
Dado



Nicholas
Dahm



James
Edge



Robert
Giancola



Edward
Gomez



Laura
Gulvas



Michael
Hartman



Nicholas
Heeringa



Jared
Hobson



Thomas
Honeycutt



Michelle
Kobli



Thespena
Kollintzas



Leon
Leckavicius



Nicole
Lemus



Laura
Martinez



Jennifer
Matuska



John
Menzyk



Ivan
Milutinovic



Sara
Morando



Michael
Nastav



Elaine
Prevatte



Kyle
Prskalo



Sarah
Puhek



Vitalia
Pushkarovich



Michael
Rychlock



Sandra
Serna



David
Singh



Joseph
Thomas



Brianne
Tolbertson



Elizabeth
Toth



Derek
Vaught



Phillip
White



Jordan
Wilson

Class of 2000



Students listen attentively during Miss Guaccio's grammar lecture.

✓ Juniors Jackie Benko, Liz Toth, and Michelle Kobli cheer for a victory.

✓ Making sure the hallway looks just right, junior Ivan Milutinovic hopes to win the decorating contest during Spirit Week.

✓ Taking time from her cadet teaching to lead the Halloween parade is junior Mandy Blastick.

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Senior Class

1999

✓ Right, The 1998-99 Senior Class Officers. Secretary Katie Farmer, President Liz Martinez, Treasurer Shawn Turpin and Vice-President Marty Dado.



•The Class of
•1999 enjoyed
•events such as
•their Class Trip
•to Florida, the
•Senior Luau,
•Senior Ditch Day
•at Willow
•Slough, and the
•Senior Picnic.



22 *Hether Buranosky*



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SENIORS

Looking to the future

Anastasha Abrego



"Sushi" "Shorty"
Cheerleader 1, Poms 2-3;
Mgr. 2-3, Art Club 1-4, SADD
1-2, 4; Environmental Club 1;
Booster Club 1; FBLA 1, 4, Ind.
Tech. Club 1-2; Spanish Club 1-
3; Choir 1, Who's Who 2-3;
Sectionals Court 2. Likes:
Parties, weekends, hanging
with the girls, all my soldiers,
my specials. Dislikes: Racism,
hypocritical people, liars,
haters, greedy people. Fu-
ture Plans: Attend Purdue
and major in criminology

Martin Robert
Anaya



Ivy Tech 3-4, Ind. Tech. Club 1-
3, Spanish Club 1-2. Likes:
Fancy cars, money, girls.
Dislikes: School, waking up to
go to school. Future Plans:
Finish school at Lincoln
Technical Institute and
open up a shop.

Tina Marie Bass



Corning High School 1; Art
Club 3-4, Booster Club 3;
Spanish Club 2-4, Reflector
3; Band 1, 3. Likes: Hanging
with my friends, money, be-
ing out of Whiting, going to
parties, frogs. Dislikes:
People who are fake, school.
Future Plans: Go into the
Army.

Amanda Kay Biagi



"Biagi"
Poms 4, Art Club 1-4; SADD 4,
Environmental Club 1-2,
Booster Club 1-2; Spanish
Club 1-3; Who's Who 3-4.
Likes: True friends, music,
shopping, the Bulls, the
Cubs, money, dancing, cof-
fee. Dislikes: Two-faced
people, getting up early for
school, stress, homework.
Future Plans: Go to college,
become a successful nurse,
get married, and have chil-
dren.

Justin Bogucki



Mgr. 1-2; Spanish Club 1-3;
Band 4. Likes: Sleeping, my
car, tacos, Schererville. Dis-
likes: President Clinton, Fool
Proof, Government, Eco-
nomics, chipmunks, people
who use their authority to
enforce their opinion. Fu-
ture Plans: Go to Lincoln
Technical Institute.

James Michael
Buehring



"Dr. J"
Art Club 4; German Club 1-4,
Physics Club 4, Tattler 2,
Academic Team 4; Who's
Who 3-4; Kiwanis Top Ten
3-4. Likes: Computers, Whit-
ing News, money, Borders,
Metallica, Pink Floyd, Alice in
Chains, MP3s, the Steer. Dis-
likes: School, Whiting News,
PCs, Bill Gates, Microsoft,
Fubu Gear. Future Plans: Go
to college, get married, pro-
gram software, fix & build
computers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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**Hether Mardell
Buranosky**



"Opie"

Volleyball 1-3, Softball 2, Spanish Club 2, Class Officer 1-2, Reflector 3-4; Band 1-4. **Likes:** Being a mom, C/O '99, volleyball, softball, band, when I was class president. **Dislikes:** I might never see the C/O '99 again, immaturity, people who do a lot of drugs, getting my feelings hurt. **Future Plans:** Go to college for culinary arts and hotel mgmt, get married, have more babies

Beth Nicole Carroll



"Betty"

Art Club 1-4, Ind. Tech. Club 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4. **Likes:** Parties, horses, being with my friends. **Dislikes:** Liars, back stabbers, winners. **Future Plans:** Live it one day at a time!

**Judith Terese
Chicvara**



"Judy" "Shorty"

Volleyball 1-3, Poms 3; Art Club 1-4; Spanish 1-4. **Likes:** Going out with my friends, doing anything out of Whiting, spending time with my boyfriend, parties, Tweety. **Dislikes:** Fake people, homework, work. **Future Plans:** Go to IUN to get a B.S. in biology, then get married to Jaime, move to Indy to get a masters in physical therapy

**Karyn Beth
Dabrowa**



Art Club 1-2, SADD 4; Spanish Club 1-2. **Likes:** Spending time with Jerry, anything that deals with the '60s, the Doors, music, all of my friends, and sleeping in. **Dislikes:** Two-faced people, working at Weiner's, B96, getting up early for school. **Future Plans:** Maybe go to college, get married, start a family, and hopefully be successful in whatever I do.

Martin John Dado



"Marty"

Football 3-4, Wrestling 1-4; Art Club 3-4, German Club 1-4; "W" Club 4; Physics Club 4, Class Officer 4, Student Council 1-2; NHS 3-4, Tattler 2, Academic Team 3-4, Boys' State Alternate; DARE Role Model 4; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4; Sectionals Court 4. **Likes:** The Sox, going out, football. **Dislikes:** The Cubs, Gavit. **Future Plans:** Go to college for law enforcement or go to medical school.

Jason Davidson



"David Jasonson"

SADD 1-4, FBLA 1-4, Reflector 3-4. **Likes:** Basketball, computers, money. **Dislikes:** People who think they know everything, liars. **Future Plans:** To become a realtor and start my own business.

Douglas Dean



"Boss" "Colonel"

Football 4, Art Club 3-4, Ind. Tech. Club 1-4, Who's Who 3. **Likes:** Fast cars, women, good food. **Dislikes:** People who cry, BK. **Future Plans:** Go to the Navy, lead a good life, and own a marina.

Jason Ray Deel



"Jay"

Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Wrestling 2, Art Club 2-4, Ind. Tech. Club 3-4, Spanish Club 1-2, "W" Club 3-4, Who's Who 3-4. **Likes:** Outdoors, camping, fishing, long road trips. **Dislikes:** High-nosed people, people who have to prove themselves, conceited people, hypocrites. **Future Plans:** I hope to be successful by eventually opening my own business in some kind of technology field.

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Adriana Elizabeth Dominguez



Volleyball 1-2, Tennis 1-3, Poms 3, Art Club 1-4, Environmental Club 1-4, Booster Club 1-4, Spanish Club 1-4, Stage Crew 4; Academic Team 4; Who's Who 3; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4; Homecoming Court 2; Homecoming Queen. Likes: Milk, music, rollerblading, tennis. Dislikes: Annoying people who want attention, school vans, my locker. Future Plans: Go to college and do something with my life.

Brian Patrick Domsich



"D" Booster Club 3, German Club 1-4, Vice-President 4, Physics Club 4, Band 1-4, Section Leader 4, Stage Crew 3-4, Academic Team 3, Who's Who 2-3. Likes: Music, friends, girls, band, sleeping, the Steer, staying up late, the drums. Dislikes: ENGLISH CLASS, Rap, Country, getting up early, Nicole's driving Future Plans: Attend college for aviation or computers, keep playing music.

Daniel P. Donovan



Football 2, Ind. Tech. Club 4, German Club 1-4, Physics Club 4; NHS 3-4; Band 1-4; Academic Team 3-4; Boys State Alternate; DARE Role Model 3-4; Who's Who 1-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4; Homecoming Court 4. Likes: Money, sailing, the beach, snow days, music. Dislikes: Liars, hypocrites, waitresses at the Steer. Future Plans: Attend medical school, get rich, marry, be successful and happy.

Ante Joseph Dosen



"Fattie" "Dosen" Basketball 4; Football 3-4; Golf 4, Art Club 4; Ind. Tech. Club 3-4, Spanish Club 1-3; "W" Club 4; Prom King. Likes: Sports, Whiting News, food, wrestling, ECW, Borders, Arena, Olympia Lanes, Metallica, Pink Floyd, Alice in Chains. Dislikes: Whiting News, school, losing, screwing up, Bill Gates, Microsoft. Future Plans: Go to Purdue for computer engineering and get married.

Anthony Thomas Michael Dumezich



"Bubba" Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4; Art Club 2-4; Environmental Club 2; Booster Club 2-3; Ind. Tech. Club 2-4; Spanish Club 1-3; "W" Club 3; Who's Who 2; Homecoming Court 3. Likes: Hard workers, sports, fishing, the Cubs, Turpin's interception against Clark. Dislikes: Liars, laziness, cheaters, soccer players, the Sox. Future Plans: Pursue my baseball career, become a teacher and a coach.

Richard Edward Espinoza



Ind. Tech. Club 2-4. Likes: WCW, WWF, ECW, Cactus Jack/ Mankind/ Dude Love. Dislikes: People who criticize wrestling, people who don't watch wrestling. Future Plans: To become a wrestler and keep my website updated.

Katherine Nadine Farmer



"Gopher" "Rae" Cheerleader 1-3, Art Club 1-4, SADD 1-4; Booster Club 1-3; FBLA 1-4; Stock Team 1-2-4; German Club 1-4; Class Officer 1-2-4; Student Council 1-3; Tattler/Reflector 2-4; Tattler Editor 3-4; Drama 1-4; NYLC; Who's Who 3. Likes: Sarcasm, people who voice their opinion. Dislikes: Fanaticism, cheese, followers. Future Plans: Attend Univ. of Indpls, major in communications, and succeed.



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Sandra Fernandez



Poms 2-3; Art Club 1-4; SADD 1-4; Environmental Club 1-4; Booster Club 1-4; FBIA 1-4; Stock Team 4; Spanish Club 1-4; Choir 1,3; Who's Who 3; Homecoming Court 1. Likes: Hanging out with friends, dancing, music, and parties. Dislikes: Harbor and Chit-town rats, Whiting, phoney people, gangs. Future Plans: Be successful and well-off, happily married, have two kids—a boy and a girl.

Jeremy Joseph Furto



"JJ"

CC 3; Football 4; Golf 1; Baseball 2-4; Wrestling 1-4; Art Club 4; Environmental Club 2-3; Ind. Tech Club 4; Spanish Club 1-3; "W" Club 2-4; Student Council 4; NHS 4; Tattler 2; Academic Team 1-4; Boys State Delegate; DARE Role Model 3-4; Who's Who 2-4; HOBY 2. Likes: Mr. Rebey & Ben, French bread pizza. Dislikes: Stupid people, cheaters. Future Plans: Become a practicing attorney.

Shannon Elizabeth Hemm



"Hemmer"

CC 2; Volleyball 3-4; Cheerleader 1-2; Mgr. 2; Art Club 3-4; SADD 2-4; Environmental Club 1-2; Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama 3-4; Reflector 4; Tattler 3-4; Academic Team 3. Likes: Real friends, my kitty, going to movies, the color green. Dislikes: DQ, laziness, cheaters, Pre-Cal. Future Plans: Go to college, be an elementary teacher, marry a wonderful man, and be happy forever.

Tammy Rae Fisher



"Fish" "Tamster"

Cheerleader 1, Mgr. 2-4; Stats 1-4; Art Club 1-4; SADD 1-4; Environmental Club 1-3; Booster Club 1-4; FBIA 1-4; Stock Team 4; Spanish Club 1-4; "W" Club 4; Drama 1-4; Tattler/Reflector 4; Choir 1-4; Who's Who 3-4. Likes: Q!Q!, Reel Big Fish, rainbows, TP-ing. Dislikes: Preppies, two-faced people. Future Plans: Get a job, move to Florida to work for Disney as a computer graphic designer.

Mark Charles Halliar II



"Halliar"

Art Club 1-4; German Club 2-4; Drama 1-4; Student Council 4; Reflector 3-4; Tattler 4; Band 1-4; Who's Who 3-4. Likes: Art, girls, antique muscle cars, Sundays, the smell of new art supplies. Dislikes: Cold showers, Mondays, immaturity. Future Plans: Go to the American Academy of Art for graphic arts/design, get a job at an advertising firm, get rich, have a few kids, be happy.

Robert Paul Hobson



"Bobby"

SADD 1-4; Environmental Club 1-3; FBIA 1-4; Stock Team 1-2,4; German Club 1-4; Physics Club 3-4; Drama 1-4; Class Officer 1-2; Student Council 4; NHS 4; Tattler 2-4; Academic Team 1-4; Who's Who 1-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4. Likes: My BF's Wedding, Europe, weekends. Dislikes: Jealousy, judgmental people, hate, snobs. Future Plans: Attend college, get an enjoyable, well-paying job, and travel.

David Martin Hoover



Basketball 1,4; Football 1-4; Baseball 2-4; Art Club 1,4; Environmental Club 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; FBIA 4; Ind. Tech Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1-2; "W" Club 3-4; Reflector 3; Drama 4; Who's Who 3-4. Likes: Notre Dame, sports, hanging out with friends, girls, the color blue. Dislikes: Not having money, losing in championships, Chinese food. Future Plans: Go to college and play football, become successful.



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Michael James Hoover



Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, Baseball 2-4, Art Club 1-4; Environmental Club 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Industrial Arts Club 2-4; Spanish Club 1-4; "W" Club 2-4, Stage Crew 4, Academic Team 4; Who's Who 3-4, Homecoming Court 2 Likes: Sports, hanging out with friends, food. Dislikes: Losing, annoying people, being broke. Future Plans: Go to college and become successful in whatever I may do.

Bryan Lee Ison



"Pumpkin Head"
Football 1, 3-4; Baseball 2, 4, Wrestling 3-4, Art Club 3-4, Academic Team 4 Likes: Spending time with friends, lifting, football, people who tell you what they think, Duke, Detroit Lions Dislikes: Backstabbers, people with no sense of humor, losing sectional championships, Bishop Noll, Gavitt, Clark, the Bulls. Future Plans: To attend a small school and be successful.

Tamara Maria Legg



"Tami" "T"
Basketball 1-3; Volleyball 2-4; Tennis 1, Art Club 1-3; German Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; NHS 3-4; Academic Team 4; DARE Role Model 4; Who's Who 3; Kiwanis Top Ten; Homecoming Court 4 Likes: Reading, volleyball, honesty, Italian food, hot weather, country music Dislikes: Lazy people, liars, war, backstabbers. Future Plans: Go to college, travel the world, experience life to its fullest.

Jose O. Leon



Spanish Club 1-4 Likes: Soccer, sleeping, Las Aguilas del America, music, cars Dislikes: People who talk bad about others, liars, the Cubs, ENGLISH CLASS, school. Future Plans: Attend a technical school and open a business.

Alonzo Luna



"Zo"
Basketball 1, Art Club 3-4; Industrial Arts Club 1-4, Spanish Club 1-4 Likes: Girls, boxing, hanging out with my boys, parties, taking things one day at a time Dislikes: "Haters", liars, instigators, constantly being told what to do, people who can't hang but act like they can Future Plans: Become an architect or a boxer, possibly go to the Marines.

Rachel Lyons



Volleyball 2-3; Art Club 1-4; Environmental Club 2-3; Booster Club 2-3; Spanish Club 1-4, Reflector 2-3; Girls State Alternate; Sectionals Court 4 Likes: Water, chocolate, relaxing, hanging out with friends, fun weekends, gossiping. Dislikes: Milk, being late, read-up, work, green veggies. Future Plans: Attend Ball State, become a nurse, and live a fun and wonderful life.

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Garret Edward Maddox



Wrestling 1-3; Industrial Arts Club 1-4. Likes: Working on cars, Chevy trucks, racing, name brand tools. Dislikes: Fords, foreign vehicles, foreign tools, stupid people. Future Plans: Attend Lincoln Technical Institute for auto mechanics, get a good job, and own a Chevy truck.

Elizabeth Marie Martinez



Volleyball 2; Tennis 1-4; Poms 2-3; Stats 1-3; Art Club 1-4; Environmental Club 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; Ind. Tech. Club 4; Spanish Club 1-4; Class Officer 3-4; Student Council 3-4; Tuffler 2; Academic Team 2-4; Girls State Delegate; DARE Role Model 3-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4; Homecoming Court 3; Sectionals Court 4. Likes: Food, sleeping, summer. Dislikes: Liars, schools, vans, in-school suspensions. Future Plans: Go to Purdue, make tons of money, start a family, and live happily ever after.

Michelle Lynn Miller



"Mitch"

Basketball 1-4; Art Club 1-2; Environmental Club 1, 3; Booster Club 2-4; German Club 1-4; Drama Club 1; Reflector 2-4; Who's Who 3-4. Likes: Weekends, parties, hanging with friends, my specials. Dislikes: Backstabbers, two-faced people, haters. Future Plans: Go to ISU or IVY Tech to be a nurse, get a job, get married a few years after college.

Sarah Ann Makis



"Makis"

Basketball 1; Volleyball 1-3; Softball 1-4; Art Club 3-4; Environmental Club 3; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Reflector 3; Sectionals Court 1. Likes: Cats, softball, spaghetti, reading, friends, Dr. Pepper. Dislikes: School, Whiting, math, liars, annoying people, working at DQ. Future Plans: Go into the Navy, have a family, live far away from Whiting, and be happy.

Adriana Vanessa Melgoza



"Nanci"

Art Club 4; FBLA 3; Spanish Club 2-4; Who's Who 3. Likes: Tony, Metallica, my tattoo, my nicest nephew, going out Friday nights, golfing and bowling, Tony's car. Dislikes: Liars, cheaters, tongue piercing, immature people and people who are lazy. Future Plans: Go to Purdue Calumet and major in graphic design, then marry Tony and have a family.

Jessica Lynn Moskalick



"Bessy" "Tootsie"

Volleyball 1-4; Softball 2-4; Stats 1; Art Club 2-4; Environmental Club 2-4; Industrial Arts Club 3-4; Spanish Club 2; "W" Club 3-4; Prom Princess. Likes: Being with friends, Anthony, food, tanning. Dislikes: Stuck up people, skinny people. Future Plans: Go to school and work with children.

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Stephanie Jean Nagy



"Steph" "Nagydoodles"
Mgr. 2-3; Art Club 1-4; Environmental Club 3-4; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1-3; Reflector 4; Sectionals Court 3. Likes: Family and friends, Dawson's Creek, my nephew and nieces, graduating. Dislikes: Backstabbers, stuck up people, followers, ALGEBRA. Future Plans: Attend IUN, major in dental hygiene, have a happy, successful life.

Laura Beth Nelson



Poms 4; Art Club 1-4, SADD 1; Environmental Club 1-2; Booster Club 1-2; Spanish Club 1-3. Likes: True friends, music, computers, movies, rollerblading. Dislikes: Two-faced people, homework, stress. Future Plans: Go to college, become a psychologist, be very successful.

Malachi Joshua Paez



"Chipper"
Art Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; Academic Team 3-4; Who's Who 3; Kiwan's Top Ten 3-4. Likes: Friends, music, singing, road trips, seven day weekends, LUGZ. Dislikes: Foul language, backstabbers, racists, SCHOOL, HOMEWORK, working, Mondays, cafeteria food. Future Plans: Go to Purdue Calumet and become an engineer.

Joseph Eric Pishkur



"Pish"
Art Club 3-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; Drama 1; Academic Team 4; Who's Who 3. Likes: Playing cards, Econ, having fun, going to the bank, the ponies. Dislikes: Liars, lazy people, people who ease their way through life, Government, the Cubs, squirrels. Future Plans: Go to college and become a successful businessman.

Karen Christine Polak



"Casey"
Softball 1-4; Art Club 1-4; SADD 1-4; Environmental Club 1-4; Booster Club 1-4; FBLA 1-4; Stock Team 4; Ind. Tech. Club 4; Spanish Club 1-4; W Club 4; Choir 1-2; Who's Who 3-4; Homecoming Court 4. Likes: Spending time with my daughter, shoes, clothes, money. Dislikes: Liars, racism, drawbacks of love. Future Plans: I'll take the future as it comes; you never know what lies ahead.

Nicole Erin Protolipac



Basketball 1-2, CC2, Volleyball 3-4; Tennis 1-4; Cheerleader 3; Poms 4; Stats 3; Art Club 4; Environmental Club 4; Booster Club 1-4; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; Drama 1-4; Class Officer 2; Student Council 3-4; Choir 3-4; Band 1-4; Academic Team 2-4; DARE Role Model 4; Who's Who 3; Sectionals Queen. Likes: Almost everything! Dislikes: Mean people, cleaning up dog doo, things that have more than five legs. Future Plans: Go to college and do something that makes me happy.

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Maurice Thomas Raycroft



Basketball 1-3, Football 1-4; Wrestling 4, Environmental Club 2-4, Booster Club 2-4, FBLA 1-4, German Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; Student Council 2-4; NHS 3-4, Band 1-4, Academic Team 1-4, Boys State Delegate; DARE Role Model 3-4; Who's Who 1-4; Kwan's Top Ten 3-4; Homecoming King Likes: Food, poodles, people who forget things. Dislikes: Mean neighbors. Future Plans: Go to college and be successful.

Faith Elizabeth Rodick



"Skipper"
Band 1-2. Likes: Parties, my best friend, guys, Mexican food, Louisiana. Dislikes: Haters, school, Whiting, immature boys, stuck-up people. Future Plans: Go to college, get a job, move down south to Louisiana, get rich, be happy and single for the rest of my life.

Cesar G. Rodriguez



"Daddy"

Basketball 3; Football 1-4; Art Club 1-4, Environmental Club 1-4, Booster Club 1-4, Ind. Tech. Club 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4; W Club 2-4. Likes: Food, sports, women, friends, my patio, music, Prom '98, sledding. Dislikes: Short weekends, people who talk about you, the drawbacks of love. Future Plans: Choose a college and pursue a career in the medical field.

Candice Rozcicha



Chesterton High School, Portage High School, Valparaiso High School, Natrona County High School 1-3, Stats 3; Art Club 1-3; SADD 4; Environmental Club 1; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama 1-2; Reflector 4; Choir 1. Likes: Outdoor activities, fresh air, Target, cutting the grass, traveling. Dislikes: WHS bathroom soap, rumors, snobs. Future Plans: Buy a car, go to college to become a nurse, and move to Montana or Colorado.

Omar Ruiz



Baseball 1-4; Wrestling 1-3; Art Club 4; FBLA 2-3; Spanish Club 1-4; Who's Who 2-3. Likes: Baseball, gold, women, Cal Park, being a player, revenge, Carmen Electra, tacos, Smiley's laugh. Dislikes: Fake busters, fake friends, people who think they are hard, stuck-up chicks. Future Plans: Go to college, play baseball for life, marry a FINE honey, and have nine kids.

Tiffany Amber Sanchez

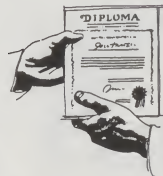


Cheerleader 1; Mgr. 2-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; Student Council 4; NHS 3-4; Tattler/Reflector 2-4; Reflector Editor 3-4; Band 1-4; Academic Team 4; Girls State Delegate; DARE Role Model 4; Who's Who 2-4; Prom Queen. Likes: POS, 90210, MP, music, the beach, the Steer, shooting pool, the East Coast. Dislikes: Peas, coconuts, liver, onions, losing, cheaters. Future Plans: Be successful, travel the world, enjoy life.

Frank Skiba



CC 2; Wrestling 1-4; Art Club 3-4; German Club 1-4; Physics Club 4; Student Council 4; NHS 3-4; Tattler 2; Band 1-4; Drama 1-2; Academic Team 3-4; DARE Role Model 4; Kwan's Top Ten 3-4. Likes: The Cubs, Colorado, my bike, the Italian Village, conversations with Mrs. Herchik. Dislikes: Mondays, Munster, the Sox, Pepsi, people who sell out. Future Plans: Go to college, get a fun job someplace warm, live a good life.



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James August Smith, Jr.



"Smitty"

Morton High School 1, Basketball 3-4; Art Club 3; German Club 2-3; Choir 4 Likes: Mr. Donovan, dinner at Pabla's house, my house in the morning, the weekends, Chicago, FUBU Gear, DMX, Ruff Ryders Dislikes: Haters, people who don't pitch in, Silk the Shocker, SCHOOL, Milfred, Mexican music, people who talk behind your back Future Plans: Go to the Navy.

Paul Warren Strabavy



Basketball 1, Football 4, Art Club 1-4, Spanish Club 4, *W Club 3-4, DARE Role Model 3-4. Likes: Football, working out, pressure in athletic events, Prom '98, Whiting News, purple feather, game time, Metallica, competitive people Dislikes: Bad decisions, FUBU Gear, losing, college recruiting. Future Plans: Attend Ball State, play football, get married, have kids, be successful.

Cory Steven Taylor



Golf 2, Art Club 2-4; Spanish Club 4, German Club 2, Class Officer 1-3; Reflector 3-4; Sectionals Court 3. Likes: My mother, my boys, Old Country Buffet Dislikes: Most WHS administration, cafeteria food, waking up early for school, crybabies, snitches Future Plans: Go to college, then to law school, become a lawyer, and eventually a judge.

Joseph Thomas



"Joe"
CC 4; Art Club 1; Environmental Club 2-4, Booster Club 2-4; Stock Team 4; Tattler 4. Likes: US99, Jewel, rainy days, Class of '97, accepting people, my friends, sleeping. Dislikes: Ignorance, things done out of spite, people who talk without knowing what they are talking about. Future Plans: Attend IUN to major in dental hygiene, have a good family life.

James P. Turner, Jr.



"Jim"

Basketball 1, CC 2-4; Stats 3; Art Club 3-4; Environmental Club 2-3; Booster Club 2-3; German Club 1-4. Likes: Sports, running, hockey. Dislikes: Fake people, overpaid athletes, soccer, Whiting. Future Plans: Go to college and become a gym teacher.

Shawn Michael Turpin



Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4; Stats 2-4; Art Club 2-4; SADD 4; Environmental Club 2-4; Booster Club 2-4; FBLA 4; Ind Tech Club 4; Spanish Club 1-4; *W Club 1-4; Class officer 2-4; Student Council 4; NHS 4; Academic Team 4; DARE Role Model 4; Who's Who 2-4; Sectionals Court 2; Sectionals King, Prom Prince. Likes: Food, tailgate parties with Da Fans, sports, my interception against Clark. Dislikes: Speed limits, slow drivers, losing. Future Plans: Graduate from college and be successful.

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David Allen Verta



"Sausage"

Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4; Art Club 2-4; Environmental Club 2-4; Ind. Tech. Club 3; Spanish Club 1-2; "W" Club 1-4; DARE Role Model 3-4; Who's Who 1-4; Homecoming Court 1 Likes: The's, football, basketball, REAL FRIENDS Italian sausage, #5, #7, #55 Dislikes: Backstabbers, nosy people, ladies who don't respect themselves Future Plans: Go to Butler to play football, find a good teaching job, marry a beautiful wife (The's), have a few kids, live a happy life

Daniel Brady Vujko



"Pun"

Football 1, 3-4; Wrestling 1; Ind. Tech. Club 3-4; "W" Club 3-4; Band 1-4; Sectionals Court 4 Likes: Making fun of Ison, Schererville, the Tahoe, the Steer, football, computers, MP3s, music, 405 Dislikes: Losing sectional championships, easy music, chipmunks, naggers, stupid names Ison gives me, egotistical people, 8.00 Future Plans: Go to college for computer programming

Aron Ray Weller



Art Club 1, 3-4; Ind. Tech. Club 4; Spanish Club 1-2, 4; Who's Who 1-4 Likes: People with direction in life, people with a future Dislikes: Lazy people Future Plans: Go to college, have all the fun that I can, make a lot of money

Philip Wetnight



"Phil"

Football 1-4; Baseball 2; Wrestling 1; Art Club 1-4; Environmental Club 1-4; Booster Club 1-4; Stock Team 4; Spanish Club 1-4 Likes: Eating, St. Patty's Day, football, the Bears, little dogs, driving Dislikes: Being chased out of Maury's house, teeth, FUBU Gear, people who leave skid marks Future Plans: Go to college to play football and live happily ever after

Nathan Thomas Wilson



"Nate"

Mgr. 1-2; Art Club 1-4; FBLA 4; Ind. Tech. Club 3-4; German Club 1-4; Drama 1-4; Band 2-4; DARE Role Model 4 Likes: Martial arts, guitars, music, the Stones, computers, Cactus Priestly, sarcasm, IU Dislikes: People who are too naive for their own good, people who need attention, RAP, hackers Future Plans: Be a LAN specialist with a house in SC, a boat, a band, and a car or three.

Pablo Zacarias, Jr.



Basketball 1; Art Club 3-4; Environmental Club 1-2; FBLA 1; Spanish Club 1-4; Choir 1; Stage Crew 4; Who's Who 2-3 Likes: Family, ladies, gold, the Cubs, money, being out, Mexican food Dislikes: The Sox, staying at home, people who aren't true to the game, silver, Smitty always being mad Future Plans: Go on a few vacations, go to college, get an engineering degree, marry the lady of my life, have a wonderful life

Timothy Andrew Zubeck



"Timmer"

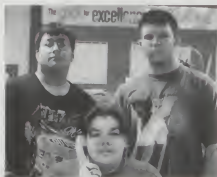
Football 1-4; Art Club 1-4; Environmental Club 3-4; Ind. Tech. Club 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4; "W" Club 3-4 Likes: Football, parties, Notre Dame Dislikes: Stupid people, suck-ups, Creek-Freaks, school lunch, WHS Cheerleaders Future Plans: Go to college and play football.



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Ideal Seniors

Make a lasting impression at



*Most Likely to
Work at WHS*
Garrett Maddox, Tammy
Fisher, and Nathan Wilson



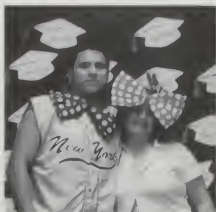
Teacher's Pet
Liz Martinez and JJ Furto



Most Talkative
Shawn Turpin and Michelle
Miller



Most Argumentative
Cesar Rodriguez and Karen
Polak



Class Clown
Cesar Rodriguez and Michelle
Miller



Quietest
Jason Davidson and Laura
Nelson



Most Likely to Succeed
Maury Rayercroft and Tami Legg



*Most Likely to
Become Famous*
Nathan Wilson and Nicole
Protolipac

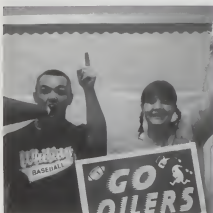
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*Worst Case of
Senioritis
Class of 1999*



*Laziest
Hether Buranosky
and Brian Domsich*



*Most School Sprited
Bryan Ison and Nicole
Protolipac*



*Most Talented
Nicole Protolipac and Nathan
Wilson*



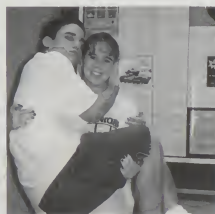
*Most Athletic
Dave Verta and Jessica
Moskalick*



*Best Personality
Nicole Protolipac, Maury
Raycroft, and Adriana
Dominguez*



*Best Smile
Adriana Dominguez and Maury
Raycroft*



*Class Flirt
Tim Zubeck and Beth Carroll*

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Top Ten

Celebrate success

This year's Top Ten Seniors have worked very hard throughout their high school careers to achieve this accomplishment. These seniors are commended for their outstanding efforts. Good luck in the future.



Maurice Raycroft



Martin Dado



Robert Hobson



Tamara Legg



Frank Skiba



James Buehring



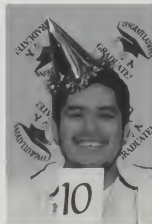
Adriana Dominguez



Elizabeth Martinez



Daniel Donovan



Malachi Paez

Senior Class Trip

Remember the magic at Disney World



- ✓ Above left, This enthusiastic group of seniors pose for a picture before taking off to Pleasure Island and the Magic Kingdom for the exciting Grad Nite Festivities.
- ✓ Above right, Maria Del Real, Judy Chicvara, Beth Carroll, Tina Bass, Tiffany Sanchez and Shannon Hemm are excited to have landed in Orlando and are ready to have some fun in the sun.
- ✓ Below left, Marty Dado and Maury Raycroft try hard to look alive at Midway Airport before takeoff.



- ✓ Above center, Joe Pishkur stands freezing after conquering one of the slides at Typhoon Lagoon while Shawn Turpin lets us know he approves.
- ✓ Above right, Chaperones Mr. Cain and Mrs. Mindas sort through the tickets for the different parks.
- ✓ Left, Stephanie Nagy, Joe Thomas, Katie Farmer, and Shannon Hemm take a break to have fun in the hotel in the midst of all the excitement of Disney World.

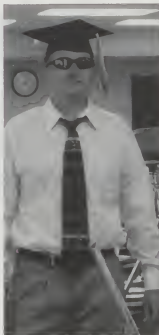
GRADUATION

Saving the best for last

"In the powers invested in me...I declare that you are now graduates of Whiting High School..." These were the final words that the Class of 1999, the hundredth graduating class of Whiting High School, wanted to hear. On Sunday, June 6, 1999, sixty-five anxious students marched into the Memorial Gymnasium, where they were greeted by hundreds of people, and the most honored guest, Dr. Ferid Murad.



✓ Above, Dr. Murad addresses and impresses the crowd.



✓ Left, Calm, cool, and collected, senior Shawn Turpin anxiously awaits the beginning of the graduation ceremony.
✓ Above, These seniors gather one last time together for a group picture.



✓ Above, Valedictorian Maurice Raycroft, Salutatorian Martin Dado, and Senior Class President Elizabeth Martinez speak.



✓ Seniors listen thoughtfully on words of wisdom spoken by Mr. Flick.

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- ✓ Left, Miss Guaccio was chosen by the students to announce the names of those students receiving their diplomas.
- ✓ Bottom, Seniors Tammy Fisher and Nicole Protolipac sing with the choir, directed by Ms. Melinda Reinhart, for the very last time.
- ✓ Bottom Left, Senior Judith Chicvara receives help putting her graduation cap back on after the traditional mortarboard toss.



- ✓ "Lookin' back, on the memories of..." The Class of 1999 reflects on past experiences and fond moments while the choir sings an inspirational melody.

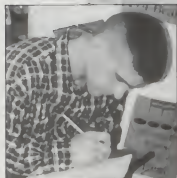


- ✓ Left, Pablo Zacarias and Jose Leon listen to last minute instructions before lining up.
- ✓ Right, Senior Mark Halliar congratulates fellow classmate Brian Domsich on a job well done these last four years.



- ✓ Right, Seniors say farewell. "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."





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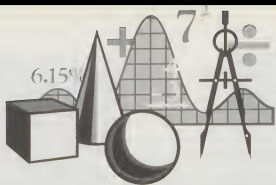


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Math

It All Adds Up



In addition to subtraction, why do we need all those other math courses like geometry and calculus? Now come on, what's that? Seriously, if math was not required to graduate, how many people would actually take those higher level courses? The sad thing is if we don't, when we get into the real world we are going to be unprepared. This is why Whiting offers such a fine variety of math courses. Let's see what some students think:

"I think our school has good math classes, with caring teachers who make math fun," said sophomore **Suzy Boyle**.

"I'm glad Whiting has such a variety of math classes to choose from," said the senior **Cory Taylor**.

√ Below, Sophomore **Veronica Guterrez** helps freshman **Leslie Garcia** by explaining the numerous amount of steps in the algebraic equations.



√ Above, Stressing the importance of algebra, **Mr. Lenz** teaches his class a lesson that they can use later in life.

√ Left, Wondering what is really going on, freshmen **Pete Honeycutt** and **David Thigpen** eagerly accept help from **Ms. Baxter**.

√ Right, Freshman **Brooke Malkowski** quickly finishes one of the lengthy proofs on her geometry homework before **Mrs. Herochik** comes around and collects it at the start of the hour.



42 *Katie Giglio*

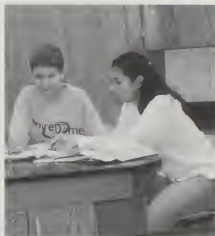
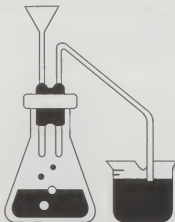
Science

Students have a busy, productive year

Participating in a variety of different activities, science students had a very busy, productive year. Besides their regular coursework, students were involved in such activities as Science Olympiad, science academic team, or the science fair.

"Physics is a fun class. Mr. Sorota is a good teacher, and I have learned a lot from him. He explains everything thoroughly so we understand what's going on," said senior **Joe Pishkur**.

"Dissecting is the best thing that we do in science because it helps us see and understand more about the specimen than we would by just reading the book," said senior **Michelle Miller**.



√ Top, Juniors **Nick Heeringa** and **John Menzyk** prepare a test tube for inoculation in Biology II.

√ Above, Freshmen **Jeff Mis** and **Nely Cervantes** work on the chapter review together.

√ Left, Junior **Phil White** relaxes while waiting for the rest of the class to finish the assignment.

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Band

Wind, rain, or shine, and still they'll be there

The band performs at many functions throughout the year—helping out with the numerous parades in Whiting, playing at football and basketball games, and other activities. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to be able to perform as they do. This year the band went to a competition near Gurnee, Illinois. They competed against schools from all over the Midwest. The concert band placed fourth and the jazz band placed second in the competition. This competition gives the band members a chance to show their musical talents. "In all my years as band director at WHS, this has been one of the most talented groups I've had the pleasure to work with. They really showed their abilities at the Music in the Parks Festival at Great America. The senior group will be greatly missed," Mr. Kuhn said. Thanks for all the hard work this year.



✓ Above, Senior Brian Domsich plays the school song on the tri-toms during the homecoming bonfire.

✓ Below, Sophomore Pete Protolipac marches down 119th Street during the homecoming parade. The band played a number of songs including some oldies hits such as "Barbara Ann" and "Johnnie Be Good".



✓ The members of the marching band play in unison during the pre-game show.



Choir

Students express their singing talent via the choir



Choir is a class which gives students an opportunity to use their talent or to further it. The choir performs in concerts, in drama productions, at graduation, and it also performs Christmas carols at Southlake Mall in December.

"My most memorable event is when we went to sing at Southlake Mall. The bus ride was pretty fun, especially when we started singing," said senior Nicole Protolipac.



✓ Top, Senior Nicole Protolipac and sophomore April Irizarry sing a duet for the choir class. Nicole and April performed in the fall production of "Frankenstein Slept Here" as well as the Talent Show where they performed a duet.

✓ Left, Senior Jim Smith sings a solo during choir class.

✓ Above, Freshmen Kevin Zurek, Laura Fisher and Amanda Harris play Encore, a game that breaks up their daily routine and allows students to have fun.

Reflector

New computer lab makes things easier

This year the Reflector staff received a new computer lab. The new lab made the yearbook production go much more smoothly than last year. In addition, the Reflector room is more than a place just to create memories, but a place to make friends. "Yearbook has been my creative outlet. It's for me what sports is to some people. I'm glad I had the opportunity to be editor for two years. Being editor let me sharpen my leadership and organizational skills: something I couldn't have done in a traditional classroom setting. Yearbook has also allowed me to meet and associate with many new people," said Editor Tiffany Sanchez.



✓ Above, Editor senior Tiffany Sanchez works on proofing a layout so everything can be perfect for the yearbook.

✓ Right, Junior Craig Balling works on his story for the girls junior varsity basketball layout.



✓ Above, The 1998-1999 Reflector Staff. Top Row: Jason Davidson, Cory Taylor, Craig Balling, and Mark Halliar. Second Row: Hether Buranosky, Stephanie Nagy, Tammy Fisher, Katie Giglio, Tanya Anaya, and Aletha Dunston. Bottom Row: Michelle Miller, Katie Farmer, Tiffany Sanchez, and Shannon Hemm.



Tattler

A letter from the editor...

"Being editor for the past two years has been a challenge for me... a good challenge... one that has taught me valuable life experiences. Switching advisers was one challenge that has proved to be beneficial. I have learned how to deal with adults' advice and criticism, and what may be acceptable for one person may not be acceptable for another. As far as the staffs... well, what can I say? Many students have been part of *The Tattler* since I began. Through being editor I have learned that patience plays a major role in running a publication, and for that matter, in dealing with a group of people with different ideas and opinions. I have also learned that what you say and do affects people. I have learned to stand up for myself, and if I think something is right I must stay true to my beliefs.

In addition, I have learned that I cannot do everything all by myself. Others are just as important... and play an important role too."

--Katie Farmer
Tattler Editor 1997-99



✓ Above, Senior Katie Farmer makes sure *The Tattler* is perfectly laid out.

✓ Below, the 1998-99 Tattler Staff. Top row: Jen Matuska, Rob Hobson, and Matt Dado. Middle row: Shannon Hemm, Joe Thomas, Tammy Fisher, and Tiffany Sanchez. Bottom-middle: Editor Katie Farmer.



✓ Above, Seniors Rob Hobson and Tammy Fisher work on a story together.



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Social Studies

All around the world



This year's social studies department consisted of three teachers: **Mr. Vrabel**, **Mr. Donovan**, and **Mr. Hruskocy**. Together, they equalled 31 years of experience.

Students in current problems took a field trip to Lake County Jail and spent their time learning about a wide variety of subjects, including child abuse and teen suicide. In economics, students were exposed to the stock market through a simulated stock program on the Web. In world geography, students learned about many countries, such as Asia and Australia with a concentration on Europe.



✓ Above, Juniors **Jackie Benko** and **Tom Honeycutt** concentrate on their work in Mr. Vrabel's class.



✓ Left, Seniors **Dave Hoover** and **Cesar Rodriguez** take a break from reviewing the status of their stock markets to have a good laugh with Mr. Donovan.



✓ Left, Sophomores **Jessica Nagy** and **Matt Kirkland** read their copy of *Newsweek* in current problems.

✓ Right, Senior **Ante Dosen** listens closely to Mr. Donovan while he explains stocks.



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Business

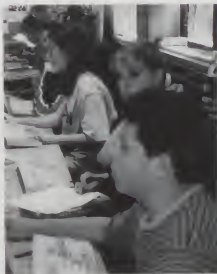
Gettin' down to business



With all the computer technology provided at Whiting High School, we have the opportunity to take a variety of computer classes. Today everything is based on computers, so learning to use them properly is a good way to prepare us for the future.

The courses available in the PC Lab include Computer Applications, Business Law, Business Management and Accounting I and II. The lab in the Business Department, headed by Miss Lemon, provides students the opportunity to train on Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Powerpoint. In addition to instruction, students also learn to use the Internet--especially in ways to do research.

"I'm hoping to expand the computer program to higher software levels, with students around the world, but that will take some planning yet," said Miss Lemon.



√ Above top, Jimmy Trzepacz looks over his assignments before he turns them in, making sure all of his answers are correct.

√ Above, Brian Domsich, Dan Vujko, and Stephanie Nagy pensively work on their review, knowing that this is a big part of their grade.

√ Above, Freshmen Greg Cruz, Laurie Edwards, and Nicole Fetsis surf the Net using various search engines.

√ Right, Paying close attention to Miss Lemon's directions, Joe Thomas and Tom Honeycutt listen carefully before beginning their work.



ART

Brushin' up our art skills

People sometimes have the impression that art is an easy class where you never have to do any work. Wrong!! Although the atmosphere in art is somewhat laid back, a lot of hands on work goes on. Under the direction of *Mrs. Mindas*, the classes make banners, passes, and decorations which are hung or used throughout the school. In addition, students create a variety of projects from locker signs to door signs for teachers while having fun in the process.

"In the past four years I've taken all of the art classes possible. *Mrs. Mindas* makes everyone so comfortable. That's one thing I'm going to miss about Whiting High."--senior *Mark Halliar*

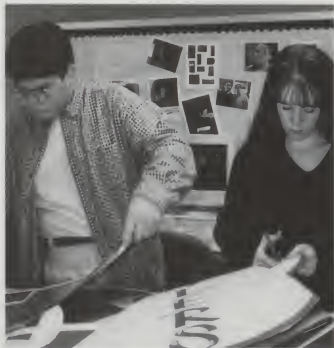
"My drawing skills aren't that good, so ceramics/crafts allows me to try and do different things."--junior *Brianne Tolbertson*.



√ Above, Junior *Chavo Rodriguez* molds his clay project in ceramics class as senior *Judy Chicvara* looks on.

√ Bottom left, Seniors *Jimmy Buehring* and *Beth Carroll* make signs to help cheer the football team to victory.

√ Bottom right, Senior *Jason Deel* uses the paper cutter to make signs for applied arts class.



Industrial Technology

New lab helps students advance in technology

Industrial Arts is a class designed to help students learn the advances of technology in today's society. Whiting has a great program with new lab equipment.

In the new lab there are new computers, a poster printer, and a Riso copy machine. The poster printer is used for the students to design posters on the computer and then print them out. The Riso copying machine is a



✓ Changing the ink cartridge on the Riso copying machine is senior Nathan Wilson.

five-colored jet printer that can make anything from attendance sheets to business cards. Students who had the class in the past like the equipment and wish they would have gotten it a lot sooner. Senior Jim Smith said, "The new equipment makes once hard jobs easier--like printing *The Tattler*." Senior Cesar Rodriguez agrees, "The new lab is much easier to work with, and is a lot more fun. I only wish I could have spent one more year learning and creating new things with Coach Cain."



✓ Above left, Senior Shannon Hemm tries to finish her assignment so that she doesn't have any homework in her graphic arts class.

✓ Above, Wanting a smooth surface, senior Doug Dean runs a piece of wood through the planer.

✓ Left, Mr. Rebey's second hour class proudly displays the spice racks which they built in manufacturing.

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the author or a student.

Health/Physical Education

Testing your limits

In addition to testing their mental abilities, gym is a class where students test their physical capabilities as well. Physical education is a requirement for freshmen, and they participate in numerous activities from bowling, to swimming, to basketball. Then, in sophomore year, students must take a semester of health: nine weeks with Mr. Segudovic and nine weeks with Mrs. Fritz. In health you learn about such topics as the epidermis of your skin to the side effects of cocaine.



✓ Left, Health teacher Mr. Segudovic passes out worksheets to the class.

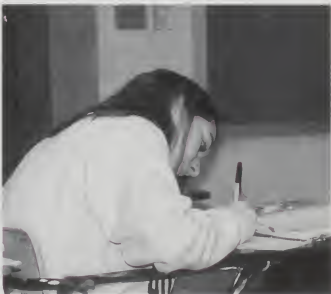
✓ Below, Freshman Francis Raycroft enjoys a game of one-on-one.

✓ Bottom left, Caitlin Mills-Groninger prepares to hit the ball.



✓ Above, Freshman Alberto Grageda makes a pass to his teammate during a game in gym.

✓ Below, Sophomore Marissa Ford quickly finishes her health assignment.



English

Writing and communicating effectively through English and Language Arts

Learning how to write well and speak effectively are skills you learn while in school, and skills you will use for the rest of your lives. When you communicate with someone, whether in person or by writing, you create a lasting impression of yourself. The English and communication arts classes provide a variety of methodology in which students can practice and further develop these necessary lifelong skills.

English is a challenging, but fun class. "It can sometimes be a difficult class, but it is extremely rewarding when people realize they are capable of completing a challenge. When I leave English class, I feel that I have gained a new sense of knowledge," said junior Mandy Blastick.

"I like how we go crazy on the vocabulary words. Ms. Flaris has so much energy, she makes you love her class," said senior Robert Hobson.

"Besides being fun, speech class taught me so much about communicating with others and learning how to be prepared," said sophomore Katie Giglio.

√ Freshmen Chad Boland and Francis Raycroft explain their game called "Onopoly" based on *The Odyssey* to their honors English class.



√ The sophomore honors English class pays attention while Miss Guaccio goes over their vocabulary lesson.



√ Left, Senior Cesar Rodriguez listens as senior Shawn Turpin reads his *Medea* review to the class.

√ Below, Sophomores Shannon Filipek and Nick Loomis work on their propaganda posters together for communication arts class.



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Willkommen in Deutschland

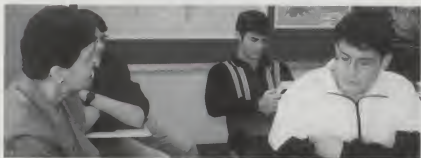


Gruss Dich! You may not know it but in Frau's (Mrs. Leonhardt's) German class, not only do students learn the language, but they also learn about Germany's culture. To experience Germany hands on, Frau and a group of students from the German IV class planned a trip there during spring break.



✓ Left, Sophomore Steve Callas practices his German by writing on the *tafel* (board).

✓ Below left, Freshmen Lilia Castelan and Chrissy Banas look at a poster of Germany's many *anlagen* (sites).



✓ Above, Even though sophomore Aletha Dunston looks confident about her work, classmate Rachel Gorman still appears to be a little confused.

✓ Left, Senior Jimmy Buehring goes over his vocabulary terms with Frau to ace his next test.



✓ Left, Senior Robert Hobson reads a *zeitschrift* (magazine) after finishing his assignment.

✓ Right, Sophomores Tanya Anaya and Katie Giglio ask each other some *fragen* (questions) in German.



Spanish

Spanish class is fun

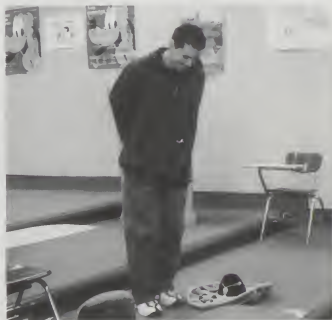
Spanish was very fun for students this year. The classes learned to speak, read and write the language in addition to learning about Spanish culture. To help them learn the language, students were involved in many cool activities such as writing and performing in their own soap opera, creating real-life skits, and performing relay races.

"I feel that Spanish is very educational, and I learn a lot in the class," said sophomore **Dwain Cook**.



✓ Above, Learning is not only fun for students, but also for **Mrs. Kiochan** as well.

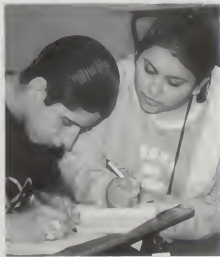
✓ Below, Sophomore **Osbaldo Santos** performs the Mexican Hat Dance in class.

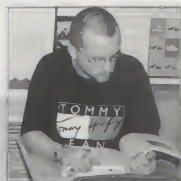


✓ Above left, Sophomores **Ashley Cooper, Danielle Goodman, and Heather Thorgren** study their verb conjugations together before a big test.

✓ Right, Seniors **Tiffany Amber Sanchez and Pablo Zacarias** work together on an assignment in class.

✓ Left, New teacher **Ms. Flores** is enthusiastic about the challenge of teaching her classes.





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Homecoming

Rain doesn't damper Oiler spirit

Despite the uncooperative weather for the parade and game, students sure didn't want to miss a thing for this year's annual Homecoming. Highlights from Homecoming week include the bonfire that was moved back to the traditional Monday; the awesome hallway decorations; the pep assembly which pumped the students up; and the dress up days where students showed their school spirit. The dance, which capped-off Homecoming week, was also a memorable experience for many of the students whether they brought a date or just came to have a good time with friends.

✓ Top, Monday night's bonfire ignites the Homecoming spirit.

✓ Left center, seniors Frank Skiba and Jim Buehring wait for directions while decorating.



Box o' Facts

Homecoming 411

Who: Students

What: Homecoming Dance

Where: Middle School gym

When: October 3, 1998

Why: A fun time to gather with friends and make memories

How: Booster Club Theme: "Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Spirit days: Mon. PJ's; Tues. Halloween Day; Wed. Hat day/Hawaiian Day; Thurs. Flashback Day; Fri. Green and White Day

Candidates for royalty: Adriana Dominguez, Dan Donovan, Tami Legg, Cesar Rodriguez, Maury Raycroft, and Karen Polak

✓ Right center, senior Mark Halliar doesn't let the weather rain on his parade.

✓ Bottom left, sophomores Abby Irvine and Stefanie Henm string stars.

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√ Left, seniors Tami Legg and Dan Donovan and right, seniors Karen Polak and Cesar Rodriguez were nominated by their classmates for this year's Homecoming court.



√ "The entire weekend was wonderful," said senior Adriana Dominguez. "I was really happy being named Homecoming Queen; it was a nice surprise." In addition, Homecoming King Maury Raycroft shared similar thoughts on being elected. "I was very honored to have been chosen king," Raycroft said.



√ Left, Nominations to the court include sophomore attendants Kara Krask and Nick Loomis; freshmen attendants Chrissy Banas and Chad Boland, and junior attendants Laura Martinez and Matt Dado.

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Fall Play

Great audiences, great cast, and a great director

This year's Fall Play, "Frankenstein Slept Here," was a Halloween treat. A talented cast, hardworking stage hands, and a great director worked together to put on a show to remember.

The play's plot involves Baroness Frankenstein (April Irizarry) who concocts a plan to keep her servants, a ghoulish group of characters, living at her castle and away from Mrs. Hoople (Nicole Protolipac), the owner of the castle. Fortunately for the Baroness, Mrs. Hoople's attentions are focused on the Werewolf (Mark Halliar) whom Hoople marries and with whom she jets off to Paris.

"We had great audiences, a great director, and a terrific cast," said Rob Hobson, who played the part of Ted. During the production, many new freindships were formed. "It (the play) allowed you to come in contact with people who you never would have before," Irizarry stated. Senior Katie Farmer, who has performed in a number of productions over the past four years, also enjoyed being a part of this play. "The atmosphere was fun and friendly," Farmer said. "Although we worked hard, the cast was relaxed and we had a good time."



✓ Above, Frankenstein, played by senior Jim Smith, rises to life and stumbles across the stage to bring the play to an end.

✓ Left, Mrs. Reinhart prepares freshman Amanda Harris for her role as Vampira.





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√ Left, Sophomore April Irizarry and junior Jared Hobson bow to the audience at the conclusion of the play.

√ Below, The cast proudly accepts roses from director Mrs. Reinhart.

√ Bottom, Mark Halliar "puts on his face" for his role as the Werewolf.



Cast of Characters

Baroness Frankenstein	April Irizarry
Igor	Jared Hobson
Phantom Bride	Tina Finley
Jacqueline Hyde	Katie Farmer
Medusa	Michelle Smith
The Invisible Man	Himself
Vampira	Amanda Harris
Hanna Hoople	Nicole Protolipac
Ted, the nephew	Robert Hobson
Chuckie	Mandy Edge
Mummy	John Milch
The Monster	Jim Smith
The Werewolf	Mark Halliar

Stage Crew

Director	Mrs. Reinhart
Lighting and Sound	Mike Reinhart
Stage Manager	Nathan Wilson

Lock-In

"The best part was when we all packed into the

The fourth annual Lock-In, sponsored by the Whiting PTO, was held during the weekend of December 27 in the Memorial Gymnasium. Festivities included basketball and volleyball tournaments, games, movies and more. "I thought the lock-in was fun. The volleyball and basketball tournaments were great. But, the best part was when we all packed into the video room to watch movies," said junior **Matt Dado**. Dado was also the high scorer for the basketball tournament. The winning basketball team included sophomores **Heather Thorgren**, **Nick Ringer** and senior, **Brian Domsich**. Thanks to the Whiting PTO for putting on such a memorable event.



✓ Above, Mr. Nichols gives out instructions before the volleyball tournament starts.

✓ Right, Senior **Brian Domsich** plays basketball late in the evening.



video room to watch movies."--junior Matt Dado



√ Left, Juniors Bri Tolbertson, Michelle Kobli, Nicole Condy, and Jackie Benko take a break from the night's activities

√ Below, Senior Malachi Paez congratulates his teammate after scoring a game-winning point.



√ Just ask junior Tanya Adair and sophomore Shaun Sanchez what it's like to play a game of knowledge at four in the morning.



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Sectionals



Unchained melodies...unchained memories

It was a time for guys and girls to bust a move and let the good times roll. Yes, my friends, we're talking about the one and only 1998/1999 Sectionals Sweet-heart Dance, hosted by the sophomore class.

This year's turnout was good, the DJ was fresh, and everywhere you turned was a smile. As laughter and music filled the air, students and teachers "got jiggy with it".



✓ Left, This year's Sectionals King and Queen were seniors *Shawn Turpin* and *Nicole Protolipac*, respectively.



✓ Above, Senior Sectionals Queen and King nominees. Left, *Rachel Lyons* and *Marty Dado*; center, *Nicole Protolipac* and *Dan Vujko*; right, *Liz Martinez* and *Shawn Turpin*.



✓ Above, This year's Sectionals Court. Left, Freshmen attendants *Lilia Castelan* and *Ry Torhan*; center, Sophomore attendants *Katie Giglio* and *Stevan Callas*; right, Junior attendants *Jackie Benko* and *Matt Dado*.

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✓ Below, Senior Aron Weller smiles slyly at the camera while being caught "Twistin' the Night Away."



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✓ Above, "Bad boys, bad boys, whatcha gonna do?" asks junior Matt Dado to sophomore Dave Buksar about his plans after the dance.

✓ Below, Senior Maury Raycroft shows the world that "he's too sexy for his tie."



✓ Left, Freshman Amy Atteberry, "strikes a pose" while having a good time dancing at her first Sectionals dance.

✓ Right, "Pretty Women" sophomore Ashley Cooper and junior Sarah Puhek take a break from dancing.



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Talent Show

Showin' off their stuff

This spring, the Booster Club held their second annual WHS Talent Show. Many brave students got up on stage to entertain the crowd with a little bit of this and a little bit of that—bits which included dancing, singing, comedy, and instrumental music.

"This year's show was very professional and ran very smoothly thanks to all of the time and work put

in by Ms. Raycroft, Mr. Kaminsky, and Mr. Kuhnz," said senior Nathan Wilson.

"My favorite part was the Tae-Bo skit; it had everyone laughing," said sophomore Rachel Rodgers.



✓ Above right, Senior Dan Donovan sings his heart out for the audience.

✓ Above left, Sophomore "Buttercups" Aletha Dunston and Abby Irvine get down.



✓ Above, Seniors Maury Raycroft, Shawn Turpin, and Jay Deel tell a few corny jokes.

✓ Right, Jared Hobson and Nathan Wilson perform "Unanswered Prayers"

Spring Play

"Stay Tuned"

Presented by the Drama Club, this year's spring production, "Stay Tuned" is the story of a young girl who watches too much television and the strange results her love of television brings. During a dream sequence, Alice (sophomore Katie Giglio) and her friend, Jenny (sophomore Aletha Dunston) are awakened by an abnormally large television set, which broadcasts shows and commercials from the past. These shows (skits) were parodies of television shows and were performed by the actors and accompanied by the choir and band. Stay Tuned to find out the rest...



✓ Above, Sophomore April Irizarry and senior Jim Smith dance in a 1950's show similar to "American Bandstand"

✓ Below, Junior Jared Hobson and senior Mark Halliar perform a hilarious skit about two "hip" guys cruising and checkin' out the girls on the "nine."



✓ Above, Sophomores Katie Giglio and Aletha Dunston move to one of the music videos from the '80's.

"This was a great experience for me. I like the way it all came together, and I got to know all of my castmates better."
--sophomore Katie Giglio



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PROM

Students dance the night away

Prom gives many students the opportunity to trade in their T-shirts and jeans for elegant ball gowns and smashing tuxedos. This year's event was no exception, and many students were so well-dressed they seemed fit for a Hollywood awards show.

On Friday, May 14, the Junior-Senior Prom was held at Cloister in the Woods in Munster. This year's Prom theme was "Chances Are" by Bob Seger and Martina McBride. In the senior class Tiffany Sanchez was named Queen and Ante Dosen was named King. In the junior class Nicole Condry was named Princess and Dave Curosh was named Prince.

"I was really shocked that I won," stated Sanchez. "It's something that I always wanted to win, but I never really thought I had a chance." Dosen shared in her excitement. "I was happy that my classmates and others voted for me," Dosen said. "I had a feeling I was going to win so I was excited when I really did win."

Junior Sara Morando felt the Prom went extremely well, "I had the best time," Morando stated. "Pre-Prom ran smoothly, everything was nice, and I was impressed," she added.

Everyone knows that Prom isn't just about getting all decked out in nice clothes; it is also about spending time with your friends dancing the night away.

"I had a really good time at Prom because I spent it with all my friends," said junior Brian Acheson.

While Prom can't last forever, many students made memories that will.



✓ Above, Senior Maury Raycroft shows Ms. Lemon how to really shake things up.

✓ Below, The 1999 Prom Royalty. Left to right: Prince Dave Curosh, Princess Nicole Condry, Queen Tiffany Sanchez, and King Ante Dosen.

✓ Right, Junior Mandy Blastick and sophomore Shaun Sanchez stop on stage at pre-Prom for pictures.

✓ Below, Several guys line up with their dates for the ceremonious removal of the garters.

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✓ Above left, Senior Rob Hobson, with the assistance of his date, decides on who he thinks should be named Prom King and Queen.

✓ Left below, Juniors Brianne Tolbertson, Michelle Kobli, Thespena Kollintzas and Jackie Benko are having a blast being dancing divas for one night at prom.



✓ Above right, Seniors Anthony Dumezich, Jessica Moskalick, Liz Martinez, and Maury Raycroft get cozy for one last picture after dinner before busting a move on the dance floor.

✓ Above center, Sophomore Jessica Nagy cools down after dancing with her friends by enjoying a slow dance with her date junior Phil White.

✓ Left top, Junior Nick Dahm blushes slightly as Ms. Flaris and Mrs. Leonhardt tell him how handsome and charming he looks in his tuxedo.

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Clubs

Not just academic, also active



✓ The 1998-1999 Spanish Club was sponsored by Mrs. Kloch. The officers were President Tim Zubeck, Vice-President Cory Taylor, Secretary Jorge Rodriguez, and Treasurer Paul Strabavy.

✓ The 1998-1999 Art Club was sponsored by Mrs. Mindas. The officers were President David Verta, Vice-President Mark Halliar, Secretary Shawn Turpin, and Treasurer Paul Strabavy.



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✓ The 1998-1999 FBLA Club was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon. First Row- Treasurer Sandra Fernandez, Vice-President Maury Raycroft, President Robert Hobson, and Secretary Mandy Blastick. Second Row- Nicole Protolipac, Stasha Abrego, Tanya Adair, and Tammy Fisher. Third Row- April Irizarry, Tiffany Kontrik, Laurie Edwards, Jeff Mis, and Dennis Wright. Fourth Row- Laura Fisher, Stacey Boldin, Nicole Lemus, Ryan Curtis, Francis Raycroft, Karen Polak, Katie Farmer, and Jason Davidson. Fifth Row- Craig Balling, Suzy Boyle, Kyle Prskalo, Shawn Turpin, Dave Hoover, Robert Giancola, Matt Dado, and David Curosh.

✓ The 1998-1999 SADD Club was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon. First Row- Treasurer Suzy Boyle, Secretary Katie Farmer, President Robert Hobson, and Vice-President Mandy Blastick. Second Row- Laurie Edwards, Stasha Abrego, Tanya Adair, Tammy Fisher and Shannon Hemm. Third Row- Sandra Fernandez, Crystal Miller, Nicole Lemus, Jeff Mis, Dennis Wright, and Sara Morando. Fourth Row- Laura Fisher, Stacey Boldin, Amanda Blagi, Laura Nelson, Karyn Dabrowa, and Jason Davidson. Fifth Row- Jorge Rodriguez, Dave Hoover, Shawn Turpin, Tim Zubeck, and Karen Polak.



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✓ The 1998-1999 Choir was directed by Mrs. Reinhart. First Row-Karla Grageda, Ry Torhan, Kevin Zurek, and Crystal Miller. Second Row- Michelle Smith, Amanda Harris, Tammy Fisher, Jen Hall, Laura Fisher, April Irizarry, and Desire Morrison. Third Row- Nicole Protolipac, Courtney Oswald, Ryan Cogdill, Jared Hobson, Jim Smith, Dan Montantes, Jenny Young, and Jamie Menzyk.

✓ The 1998-1999 Industrial Technology Club was sponsored by Mr. Rebey. First Row- Secretary/ Treasurer Jay Deel, President Doug Dean, and Vice-President Alonzo Luna. Second Row- Isaac Hernandez, Jorge Rodriguez, Liz Martinez, Karen Polak, Beth Carroll, and Mr. Rebey. Third Row- Matt Dado, Nathan Wilson, Dan Donovan, Mark Zareer, and Richard Espinosa. Fourth Row- Jim Smith, Gino Urbina, Cory Taylor, Justin Bogucki, and Garrett Maddox. Fifth Row- Ivan Milutinovic, Tim Zubeck Mike Hoover, Kyle Prskalo, and Dan Vujko. Sixth Row- Dave Hoover, Shawn Turpin, and Tom Honeycutt. Seventh Row- JJ Furto, Ante Dosen, Cesar Rodriguez, and Paul Strabavy.



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✓ The 1998-1999 National Honor Society was sponsored by Mr. Klosek. Front Row- Vice-President Tami Legg, Treasurer Liz Martinez, President Frank Skiba, Secretary Maury Raycroft, and Sergeant-At-Arms Dan Donovan. Second Row- Thespena Kollintzas, Michelle Kobl, Mandy Blastick, and Tiffany Sanchez. Third Row- JJ Furto, Nick Herringa, David Curosh, Marty Dado, Shawn Turpin, and Robert Hobson.

✓ The 1998-1999 Physics Club was sponsored by Mr. Sorota. Front Row- Secretary Nicole Protolipac, Vice-President Tami Legg, President Marty Dado, Sergeant-At-Arms Dan Donovan, and Treasurer Tiffany Sanchez. Second Row- Jim Buehring, Robert Hobson, Joe Pishkur, and Frank Skiba. Third Row- Brian Domsich, Malachi Paez, and Maury Raycroft.



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✓ The 1998-1999 Academic Team was sponsored by Mrs. Herachik and Mr. Nichols. Front Row- Malachi Paez, Robert Hobson, Maury Raycroft, Frank Skiba, and Dan Donovan. Second Row- Nicole Protolipac, Tami Legg, Thespena Kollintzas, Adriana Dominguez, Mandy Blastick, and Tiffany Sanchez. Third Row- April Irizarry, JJ Furto, Vita Pushkarovich, Charlie Brewer, Shaun Sanchez, and Liz Martinez. Fourth Row- Joe Thomas, Nathan Willson, Jim Buehring, David Curosh, Matt Dado, and Joe Pishkur. Fifth Row- Shawn Turpin, Alejandro Miramontes, Stevan Callas, Francis Raycroft, and Marty Dado.

✓ The 1998-1999 "W" Club was sponsored by Mr. Rebey. Front Row- Vice-President JJ Furto, President Shawn Turpin, and Secretary Dave Hoover. Second Row- Mr. Rebey, Jay Deel, Karen Polak, and Sarah Puhek. Third Row- Nick Loomis, Tim Zubeck, Mike Hoover, and Tammy Fisher. Fourth Row- Marty Dado, Paul Strabavy, Ante Dosen, Cesar Rodriguez, and Dan Vujka.



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✓ The 1998-1999 Stock Team was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon. Front Row- Sandra Fernandez, Katie Farmer, and Tammy Fisher. Second Row- Stasha Abrego, Suzy Boyle, and Nicole Lemus. Third Row- Karen Polak, Ryan Curtis, Jeff Mis, and Tanya Adair. Fourth Row- Robert Hobson, Joe Thomas, and Francis Raycroft. Sixth Row- Kyle Prskalo, David Curosh, Matt Dado, and Robert Giancola.

✓ The 1998-1999 Student Council was sponsored by Mr. Donovan and Mr. Vrabel. Front Row- Treasurer JJ Furto, Vice-President Robert Hobson, President Maury Raycroft and Secretary Nicole Protolipac. Second Row- Lilla Castelan, Aletha Dunston, Mandy Blastick, Sarah Puhek, April Irizarry, Tiffany Sanchez, and Nely Cervantes. Third Row- Frank Skiba, Shawn Turpin, Matt Dado, Mark Halliar, and Francis Raycroft.



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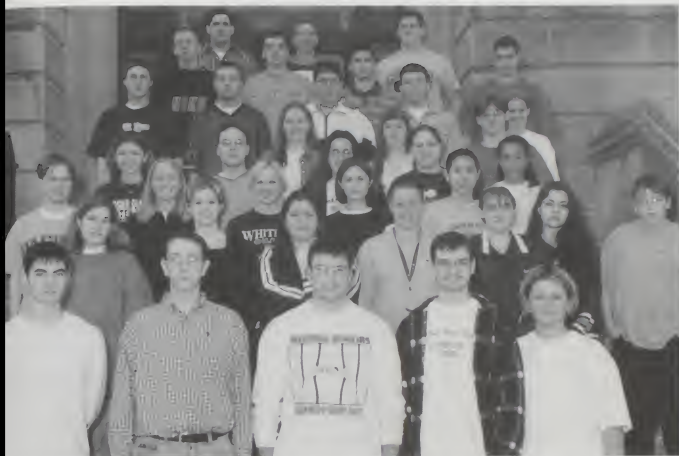
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✓ The 1998-1999 Managers and Statisticians. Front Row- Bridget Donovan, Suzy Boyle, Bridget Elza, and Nicole Condy. Second Row- Tammy Fisher, Tiffany Sanchez, Laurie Edwards, Laura Gulvas, Sara Morando, Brianne Tolbertson, Thespena Kollintzas, and Liz Toth. Third Row- Katie Giglio, Sarah Puhek, Shawn Turpin, Jen Matuska, and Michelle Kobli.

✓ The 1998-1999 Band was directed by Mr. Kuhn. Front Row- Lilia Castelan, Bridget Elza, Ryan Cogdill, and Jessica Halliar. Second Row- Courtney Oswald, Chad Boland, Amber Werth, Nicole Protolipac, Francis Raycroft, Sylvia Reynoso, and Tiffany Sanchez. Third Row- Jared Hobson, Mark Halliar, Maury Raycroft, Frank Skiba, Dan Donovan, Dan Vujko, Brian Maloney, Hether Buranosky, and Laurie Edwards. Fourth Row- Brian Domsich, Nathan Wilson, Pete Protolipac, Robert Velez, Greg Cruz, and Mr. Kuhn.





✓ The 1998-1999 German Club was sponsored by Mrs. Leonhardt. Front Row- Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Donovan, Treasurer Robert Hobson, President Maury Raycroft, Vice-President Brian Domsich, and Sarah Puhk. Second Row- Katie Farmer, Tami Legg, Tanya Anaya, Michelle Miller, Agnes Sotak, Lilla Castelan, and Tommy Casey. Third Row- Charlie Brewer, Chrissy Matejko, Rachel Gorman, Bridget Donovan, Nely Cervantes, and Chrissy Banas. Fourth Row- Michelle Kobi, Mark Halliar, Katie Giglio, and Jamie Menzyk. Fifth Row- Aletha Dunston, Bridget Elza, and Ryan Cogdill. Sixth Row- Nick Dahm, Jim Turner, Jim Buehring, Nathan Wilson, and Mandy Blastick. Seventh Row- John Menzyk, Frank Skiba, Stevan Callas, and Terry Legg. Eighth Row- Kyle Prskalo, Francis Raycroft, and Marty Dado.

Clubs Not Pictured

✓ The 1998-1999 Environmental Club was sponsored by Ms. Raycroft. Members included Bridget Donovan, Aletha Dunston, Dave Hoover, Sarah Makis, Karen Polak, Francis Raycroft, Maury Raycroft, President Shawn Turpin, Vice-President Aron Weller, and David Verta.

✓ The 1998-1999 Booster Club was sponsored by Ms. Raycroft. Members included Tanya Adair, Amy Atteberry, Chrissy Banas, Stacey Boldin, Suzy Boyle, Adriana Dominguez, Bridget Donovan, Aletha Dunston, Laura Fisher, Tammy Fisher, Rachel Gorman, Shannon Hemm, Dave Hoover, Mike Hoover, Crystal Miller, Nicole Morando, Karen Polak, Francis Raycroft, Maury Raycroft, Jorge Rodriguez, Kelly Stolman, Brianne Tolbertson, Shawn Turpin, Dennis Wright, and Tim Zubeck.

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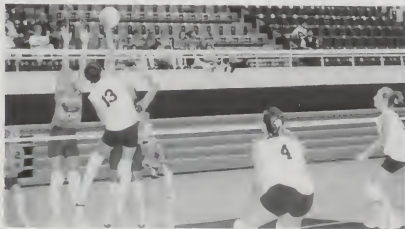
Volleyball

Bump. set. spike!

The Lady Oilers volleyball team began its season full steam ahead, but with success brings injury, and injury brings defeat. The team suffered a few losses, but it was still able to compete its way to the final round of the sectional championship.

"We played hard, competed with every school we played, and made it to the sectional championship match for the second year in a row. We have nothing to hang our heads about," said Coach Nichols.

In addition, senior Jessica Moskaick was named to All-Conference First Team, and senior Tami Legg and junior Jackie Benko received honorable mentions. Moskalick's serve was fierce. She had 97 aces--more than any other player in the conference.



✓ Above, The 1998 Whiting Varsity Volleyball Team. From top left: Sarah Puhek, Michelle Kobli, Nicole Protolipac, Thes Kollintzas, Tami Legg, Shannon Hemm, Coach Nichols, Kelly Stolman, Jessica Moskalick, Liz Toth, and Jackie Benko.

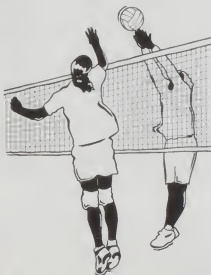
✓ Left, Junior Michelle Kobli leaps to the top of the net for an amazing kill against her opponents from Highland.

Season Scores

Wash. Twp.	W
E.C. Central	W
Hanover	L
Merrillville	L
Lake Station	W
Lew Wallace	W
Hammond	W
Gavit	L
E.C. Central	W
Calumet	W
LaCrosse	W
Highland	L
Hebron	L
Morton	L
Wheeler	L
Andrean	L
Horace Mann	W
Clark	L
Lowell	L
Wheeler	L
Hanover	L
Morton	L
Kouts	W
Gavit	L
Munster	L
Hammond	W
West Side	W
Bishop Noll	L
Griffith	L
Roosevelt	W

Sectionals

Kouts	W
Morgan Twp.	L
Final Record	14-18



√ Above, Junior Liz Toth takes a quick break before starting the second game against Morton.

Senior memories...

"My fondest memory of this season is although we lost to Munster, that was the game where we looked like we wanted to play, and we played like a team."—**Shannon Hemm**

"My fondest memories from this season were the sleep-overs."—**Nicole Protolipac**

"My fondest memories were the sleep-overs and the time we spent together."—**Jessica Moskalick**

"A few things that came to mind when I think about the past season are the two-a-day practices at the beginning of the year, the game against Kouts, and the sectional championship game against Morgan."—**Tami Legg**

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√ Top, Sophomore Kelly Stolman sparks the Lady Oilers' offensive play with a perfect serve. Stolman is the only sophomore to play varsity volleyball.

√ Above, The Lady Oilers set up to ace their opponents, the Andrean 59ers.

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FOOTBALL

Respect all, fear none

The Oilers' battle cry was "respect all, fear none," and that's exactly what they did. Whiting outscored its opponents by 302 points, showing just how hard it is to stop the big green monster.

Throughout the season several key players were injured or moved to a new position due to a teammate's injury. Senior running back **Paul Strabavy** was injured in the second half of the Gavitt game and as a result, **Bryan Ison** left his position at guard to fill the vacancy. Three weeks later, **Tim Zubeck**, **Dave Verta**, and **Jay Deel** joined Strabavy on the sideline with their own illnesses as four starters sat out the Clark game.

"The rest of the team really stepped it up when we were out with injuries," said Verta. "They went by our motto and proved they wanted to win as much as the starters did," he said.

The Oilers pulled together and didn't let this stop them as they went on to a winning season of 9-3.

"It was a great season, but not as great as we wanted it to be," stated senior **Cesar Rodriguez**.

Unfortunately, WHS lost to West Central in the sectional championship game. This was definitely not the fairy tale ending for which the team was looking.

"We have so many great memories from the past four years and for it to end like that in the sectional championship game was heartbreaking for the whole team," said senior **Shawn Turpin**. "Hopefully we can all learn from this in some odd way."



With his teammates cheering him on, senior lineman **Jay Deel** rushes onto the field after hearing his name announced in the starting lineup.

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Season Scores

N. Newton	W	49-0
River Forest	W	65-3
S. Central	W	49-7
Morton	W	58-0
Lake Station	W	28-0
Gavit	L	8-16
Calumet	W	18-8
Bishop Noll	L	6-14
Clark	W	8-6

Sectionals

River Forest	W	56-14
S. Central	W	35-6
W. Central	L	10-14
Final Record		9-3

√ Above, A few of the players get rowdy before the start of the game.

√ Senior **Bryan Ison** keeps moving as a River Forest Ingot tries to take him down.

√ Below, Senior **Tim Zubeck** and sophomore **Nick Ringer** jump in to help their team with a fumble recovery.



√ Above right, Senior **Maury Raycroft** blocks a Gavit player so that teammate **Paul Strabavy** can make a clean getaway and score another Oiler touchdown.

√ Above left, The Oilers take a short time out to come together to discuss their next play against Calumet.

√ Left, The 1998 Whiting Oiler football team with its coaches, trainer, and managers.



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Cross Country

We've got sprint



Through hard work and determination, the cross country team finished off with an amazing season. The team strived for victories and out of 14 meets, they won 10 of them.

"Overall we had an extremely great season," Junior Co-Captain Nick Herring said.

Senior Jim Turner agreed, "It was a great season. We had a lot of fun and Mr. Moynihan is a great coach."

Since the team will be losing two seniors Coach Moynihan said, "I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces come out next year."



✓ Above, Gathering their spot on the starting line, members of the cross country team get fired-up for the race ahead.

✓ Left, Senior Jim Turner goes neck-and-neck with his opponent.



✓ Above, In order to get ready for his run, junior John Menzyk warms up by stretching his arms and legs during the quad meet held at Bishop Noll.

Season Scores

Gavit Invite	W
Rebel Invite	W
Calumet	W
<u>Quad Meet</u>	
Bishop Noll	L
Hammond	W
Morton	W
<u>Tri Meet</u>	
Calumet	W
Munster	L
<u>Quad Meet</u>	
Hobart	L
L Station	W
R. Forest	W
<u>Tri-Meet</u>	
Clark	W
Hammond	W
Marquette	W
Clark Invite	L
R. Forest	L

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√ Above, The 1998-1999 Cross Country Team. Back row: Joe Thomas, Dave Curosh, Coach Moynihan, Sean Coleman, and Jim Turner. Front row: John Menzyk, Courtney Oswald, and Nick Herringa.

√ Below left, After a grueling run, junior Sean Coleman takes a moment to relax and catch his breath.



√ Above, Striding with pride, freshman Courtney Oswald sets her pace for the race.

Courtney was the team's only girl runner.

√ Left, Junior Nick Herringa mentally prepares himself for the long run ahead of him as he views the competition.



√ Left, Smiling exhaustedly, senior Joe Thomas can finally see the finish line.

√ Right, Junior Dave Curosh takes a close lead over his competitor.



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Varsity Girls Basketball

"She Got Game"

The 1998-1999 Lady Oilers basketball team completed a season which was a success in many ways. The Lady Oilers marked up two wins against cross-town rivals the Clark Pioneers and advanced to the final round of sectionals. Even with finishing the season with a 8-14 record, many thought the season to be fulfilling.

"Our team has gotten better from last season, but I think if everybody comes to the gym in the summer, we can improve a lot," said junior Nicole Condy when asked for a run-down of the season. "The hustling was great; we just couldn't get our shots to fall," junior Liz Toth said.

With an impressive post-season performance, our varsity girls were downed in the championship game of the sectional round. Ending their season with both exciting victories and heart-breaking defeats, the squad members kept their heads up. "The fans were very into our games; even graduates came back to see us play," added Condy.



- ✓ Above, Junior Nicole Condy attempts to throw the ball around her opponent.
- ✓ Right, Sophomore Abigail Irvine fights for a loose ball during a home game against Andrean.

Season Scores		
Clark	W	55-40
Bishop Noll	L	35-61
Westville	W	50-39
Griffith	L	22-50
Wash. Twp.	W	45-22
Lake Station	L	45-53
Calumet	W	51-31
Highland	L	14-76
Lowell	L	27-43
Morton	L	40-54
Marquette	L	26-52
Andrean	L	28-66
Morgan Twp.	L	35-50
LaCrosse	W	36-28
Wheeler	L	37-51
Gavit	L	34-54
Hammond	L	61-68
Hebron	W	58-50
Munster	L	27-78
Clark	W	2-0
Sectionals		
LaCrosse	W	53-29
Kouts	L	39-58
Final Record		8-14



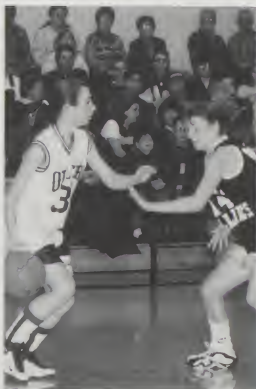
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✓ 1998-99 Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Standing: Coach Stewart, Trainer Dabrowski, Kelly Stolman, Heather Thorgren, Aletha Dunston, Abby Irvine, Michelle Kobli, Michelle Miller, Coach Laub. Kneeling: Ashley Cooper, Liz Toth, Nicole Condy, Thes Kollintzas.



✓ Above, Michelle Kobli defends a drive by her opponent during sectional play.
✓ Below, Junior Thespena Kollintzas shoots from the line in hopes of scoring another point against Munster.



✓ Above, Junior Liz Toth sets up the Oiler offense at an away game versus Kouts.
✓ Below, Senior Michelle Miller pivots and passes around a defender to an open teammate. This is Michelle's fourth year as a Lady Oiler. She is the only senior to play for the Oilers this year.



Boys Basketball

New season, new faces

The 1998-99 basketball season brought many new things for the Oilers. They included an optimistic outlook on the season, a refinished gymnasium floor, and many new faces as well. After a two-year break from the game of basketball, seniors Mike and Dave Hoover returned in hopes of helping the team. Another new face was senior Ante Dosen, who had never played for the Oilers before. With the help of Coach Lenz, the team was determined to try their hardest and win as many games as possible.

The Oilers started the season by winning their first three games against Lake Station, Culver Military, and Westville. Unfortunately, as the schedule became more competitive, the Oilers fell into a slump that was all too familiar, and they won only two games for the remainder of the season. Although most would say the Oilers did not have a good season, they won more games this year

than in the past three years combined.

One high point this season included senior Dave Verta reaching a milestone: 1,000 points and 500 rebounds in his high school career at WHS. "Reaching 1,000 points and 500 rebounds was an honor to achieve," said Verta. "I was pretty happy to reach that point in my career. Being one of the few people to accomplish that goal was a great feeling," he said.

Hopefully the returning varsity players can lead the way to more Oiler victories in the future.



Season Scores		
L. Station	W	44-40
Culver	W	45-40
Westville	W	66-47
Calumet	L	52-60
Hanover	L	36-63
Wash. Twp.	L	59-63
Highland	L	44-59
Morton	L	47-60
Hebron	L	53-63
Andrean	L	46-73
N. Newton	W	48-44
Clark	L	52-64
Lowell	W	50-37
River Forest	L	54-77
Gavit	L	30-57
Munster	L	47-54
Hammond	L	46-76
Bishop Noll	L	44-56
Griffith	L	44-48
Marquette	L	64-74
Sectionals		
LaCrosse	L	35-44
Final Record		5-16



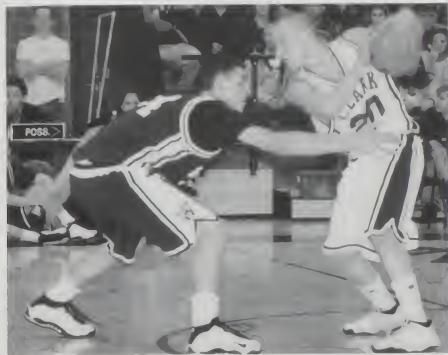
✓ Above, Junior Robert Giancola shoots for one at the line.

✓ Left, Sophomore Robby Vrabel maneuvers around his opponent from Culver Military Academy.

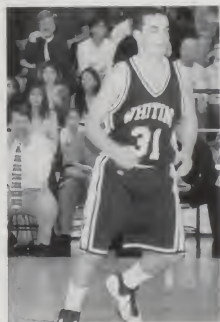
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✓ Left, The 1998-99 Basketball Team. Left to right: Coach Donovan, Mike Hoover, Robby Vrabel, Robert Giancola, Shawn Turpin, Mike Nastav, Sean Coleman, Dave Verta, Jim Smith, Dave Hoover, Mgr. Sarah Puhek, and Coach Lenz. Not Pictured: Ante Dosen.



✓ Below, Senior Dave Verta stretches before a big game. Verta has played for WHS all throughout high school.



✓ Above left, Junior Mike Nastav tries to steal the ball from long-time rival Clark in a heated battle for the bragging rights to 119th Street. Both Whiting and Clark sit on 119th Street on opposite ends of town.

✓ Far left, Senior Mike Hoover runs down the court as his teammates and many Oiler fans cheer him on, and Coach Lenz shouts directions for him to follow from the sidelines.

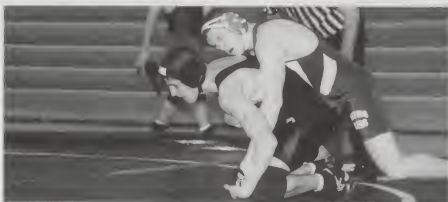
✓ Left, Sophomore Paul Garcia pauses to catch his breath and decide his strategy to score two more points for WHS in a very close game.

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Wrestling

A young team gains experience

This year's wrestling team was composed of a majority of underclassmen. The team suffered because of that, having to go out on the varsity mat with absolutely no experience. Throughout the season, however, the young team gained this much needed experience from competing on such a high level at the beginning of their high school careers. Coach Bill Rebey hopes that all of the underclassmen will return to the team next year. "It takes a lot to get out on the mat against competitors with far more experience than you. We should all look forward to seeing our Oiler wrestlers bring home some more wins for the next couple of years to come," Coach Rebey said. Congratulations to sophomore Nick Loomis for being named MVP.



Season Scores

Andrean	L	51-30
Clark	L	45-31
N. Newton	L	48-36
River Forest	L	40-31
Boone Grove	L	53-21
Gavit	L	54-24
Hammond	W	39-15
Hanover	L	52-24
West Side	W	42-30
Clark	L	36-34
Boone Grove	L	56-24
Hanover	W	39-30
Clark	W	37-31
Munster	L	76-0
Gavit	L	53-27
Bishop Noll	L	59-12
Morton	L	54-15
Hammond	W	37-27
Conference Dual		13th
Final Record		4-13

✓ Left, Brian Maloney attempts to take down his opponent. "Through hard work I was able to improve myself and hope to do even better next year," Maloney said. Maloney was one of many sophomores to compete this year.

✓ The 1998-99 Wrestling Team. Back row left to right: Asst. Coach Ben Rebey, Jeff Koval, Mike Ulerena, Maury Raycroft, JJ Furto, Kyle Lesar, Asst. Coach Josh Noojin, and Coach Bill Rebey. Front row left to right: Nick Loomis, Dave Buksar, Brian Maloney, Nick Ringer, James Pena, Jorge Ruiz, Shaun Sanchez, and Eric Winn.



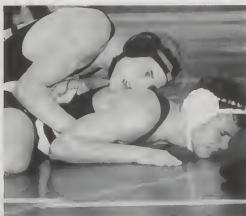
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✓ Right, Senior Frank Skiba struggles with his opponent to get a point.

✓ Left, Sophomore Mike Llerna takes down a Gavit wrestler early in hopes of capturing the win.

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✓ Above left, Coach Rebey huddles with his team and gives them a pep talk before a big match.

✓ Above right, Sophomore Shaun Sanchez comes out on top and goes for a pin in the meet against Gavit.

✓ Left top, Sophomore Jeff Koval looks down on his competitor and smiles, knowing that he has won the match.

✓ Above, Senior Co-Captain JJ Furto tries to reverse the position his opponent has put him into.

✓ Right bottom, Sophomores Brian Maloney, Nick Ringer, and freshman Jorge Ruiz take time to relax and discuss their opponents and strategies with Coach Rebey before warming up for the meet.



Softball

A diamond is a girl's best friend

A diamond is a girl's best friend, and that's exactly what the Lady Oilers had in their eyes as they won their second consecutive title.

This season's softball team did exceptionally well. The girls started with a great run at the beginning of the season, winning six of their eight games in the first half of April. Only a short time later, however, the Oilers had a stroke

of bad luck when their number one pitcher in the rotation, senior Karen Polak, was put out with a stress fracture in her ankle. This called upon sophomore pitcher Ashley Cooper to take the position as the Oilers' number one pitcher. Many would refer to her as a savior, seeing that she pitched the rest of the season with outstanding performances.

"Losing Karen

hurt us pretty much; 'Coop' (Cooper) had to throw every game and never got a break," said junior Nicole Condy. "I admire her for being strong," added Condy.

"With Karen out and myself having to pitch every game, our line-up went through a lot more changes than what was expected," said Cooper.

Cooper went on to pitch the rest of the season and led

the Lady Oilers on to their sectional win against South Central. She also broke the record for most wins in a season, previously held by her sister Stephanie, by picking up her 15th win in the sectional championship game.

Despite a hard-fought effort, the Lady Oilers lost in regional play against Morgan Township. Congratulations to the Lady Oilers on a successful season.

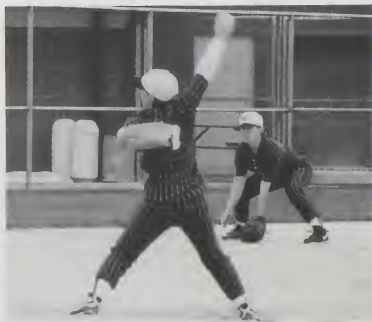


✓ The 1999 Sectional Champions. Back row: Athletic Director Mr. Hruskocy, statkeeper Eric Winn, Coach Wilder, Amy Atteberry, Kelly Stolman, statkeeper Shawn Turpin, Heather Thorgren, Trainer Kim Dabrowski, and Coach Laub. Middle row: Laura Gulvas, Gianna Rossi, Jamie Menzyk, Sarah Puhek, Jessica Moskalick, Amanda Smith, Jackie Benko, and Ashley Cooper. Front row: Michelle Kobl and Nicole Condy.

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Season Scores

Clark	W	6-1
Lake Station	W	12-3
E.C. Central	W	14-0
Calumet	W	13-2
Highland	L	1-4
Morton	W	6-3
Wheeler	L	1-6
Andrean	L	1-10
Clark	L	1-2
Lowell	L	1-4
North Newton	W	10-4
Gavit	L	2-6
South Central	L	1-3
Washington	W	13-3
Munster	L	0-4
Morton	W	13-3
Washington Twp.	W	10-0
Hammond	W	5-0
Bishop Noll	W	4-1
River Forest	W	9-5
Griffith	L	1-3
Hebron	W	13-5
Hanover	L	2-3
Kauts	L	1-4
Westville	W	11-1
M.C. Marquette (DH)	L	2-6
	W	8-1
Sectionals		
Washington Twp.	W	14-0
South Central	W	9-3
Regionals		
Morgan Twp.	L	2-0
Final Record		17-13



✓ Above, Sophomore Ashley Cooper winds up and throws a pitch in an Oiler home game.



✓ Above, the Oilers' infield break before the start of the next inning.

✓ Far left, Junior Sarah Puhk squares up for a bunt.

✓ Left, Sophomore Heather Thorgren lays the tag at first on a sliding opponent.



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Baseball

Oilers in the outfield

This year's season started out well. With much hard work and practice, the team won their first five games out of seven.

The senior-dominated team did their best to compete with many larger schools. They did a great job and next year's team is looking forward to stepping up and doing an even better job.



✓ Above, Junior Michael Nastav quickly tags the base after scooping up a ground ball.

✓ Below, Four-year player Omar Ruiz slyly leads off from first while preparing to steal a base.



✓ Above, Senior JJ Furto, instinctively fires the ball to first base in a crucial play against Morton High School.



✓ Below, Senior Anthony Dumezich throws the ball in after a sweet catch in the outfield.



✓ Above, Sophomore Paul Garcia throws a strike in his first attempt at pitching for the year.

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✓ Above, Sophomore Robby Vrabel gets a quick tip from Coach Scoot.

✓ Right, Senior Jason Deel keeps his eye on a fly ball.

✓ Right, Senior Michael Hoover confidently rounds the bases after hitting a home run against EC Central.



✓ The 1998-99 Baseball Team. Back row: Coach Shawn Donovan, David Hoover, J.J. Furto, Michael Nastav, Sean Coleman, Shawn Turpin, Coach Robert Segudovic. Front row: Jeff Koval, Paul Garcia, Bryan Ison, Jay Deel, Anthony Dumezich, Robby Vrabel, Michael Hoover, and Omar Ruiz.

Season Scores

Hanover	L	3-4
Clark	W	12-6
Westville (DH)	W	11-3
	L	2-4
Lake Station	W	6-3
Lew Wallace	W	17-2
Gary Wirt	W	14-4
Highland	L	1-11
Calumet	L	5-8
Morton	L	3-4
Andrean	L	1-10
Clark	W	7-4
Gavit	L	3-7
Hammond	L	4-8
Munster	L	1-12
Bishop Noll	L	3-4
Lowell	W	6-1
Griffith	L	0-2
Munster	L	1-13
Lake Station	W	6-3
Calumet	L	3-13
Morton	W	12-2
E. Chicago	W	10-8
LaCrosse	W	7-4
Wash. Twp.	L	3-19
Hebron	L	10-11
Sectionals	L	4-10
Final Record		10-17

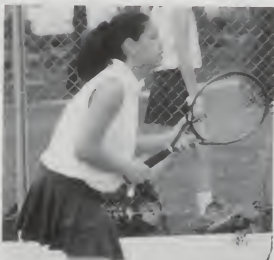
Tennis

Cuv means nothing in tennis

This year's tennis team was very busy. Not only did the coach and veterans teach a very young team the rules and basics of the game quickly, they had to do it under some extremely tough conditions.

Poor weather resulted in many cancellations, which further led to many rescheduled games. The team was forced to play up to five games a week.

The sophomore-dominated team ended the year with a 5-10 record. With thirteen ladies returning next season, the team is very optimistic that next year's record will improve greatly.



✓ Above, Bridget Donovan and Abigail Irvine congratulate each other after a match.

✓ Left, Senior Liz Martinez puts on her game face.



✓ Left, All-Conference Honorable Mention Tiffany Kontrik follows through after her serve.

✓ Right, Sophomore Suzy Boyle hustles after the ball in her doubles match against Gavit H.S.



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✓ Below, Junior Vita Pushkarovich happily shows the proper form of a forehand before loading the bus for an away match.



✓ Above, Sophomores Katie DeLuna, April Irizarry and Kara Krask relax before their matches.

✓ Left, Senior Nicole Protolipac takes a few practice swings in the gym.



Season Scores

Griffith	L	1-4
Clark	W	5-0
Lew Wallace	W	5-0
Calumet	L	0-5
West Side	W	5-0
Bishop Noll	L	1-4
Gavit	L	0-5
Lake Central	L	0-5
Hammond	W	3-2
Wheeler	L	2-3
Morton	L	2-3
Lake Station	L	0-5
River Forest	L	1-4
Hammond	W	3-2
Gavit	L	1-4
Lowell	L	0-5
Final Record		5-11

✓ The 1998-99 Tennis Team. Back Row: Liz Martinez, Nicole Protolipac, Nicole Fetsis, Abigail Irvine, Vita Pushkarovich, Tiffany Kontrik, Katie DeLuna, Amanda Harris. Front row: Suzy Boyle, Kara Krask, Bridget Donovan, April Irizarry, Brooke Malkowski, Christine Banas

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GOLF

Team tees off to an improved season

Golf is a fun sport with a relaxing atmosphere. "I like to golf because you compete against people, yet you still can talk to them and have fun," said sophomore Dave Buksar. Sophomore Pete Protolipac also likes golf because of the relaxing atmosphere and seeing different groups of people.

This year's golf team had a good season with improvement and memorable moments. The team was also under the leadership of a new head coach, Whiting graduate Jim Weller.

"I think we did better than last year," said sophomore Kyle Lesar. Sophomore Nick Loomis stated that his most memorable moment was when he was suspended for a few days for wearing a skirt to a match.



✓ Above, Junior Jared Hobson takes a look at the hole and lines up his shot accordingly.
✓ Below, The 1999 Golf Team. Back row: Coach Weller, Pete Protolipac, Robert Giancola, and Dave Buksar. Front row: Nick Loomis, Kyle Lesar, Tommy Casey, and Jeff Mis.

Season Scores

Lake Station	W
Calumet	W
Morton	L
Andrean	L
Clark Invite	3 rd place
Lowell	L
Clark	W
Gavit	L
Munster	L
Hammond	W
Bishop Noll	L
River Forest	W
Highland	L
Griffith	L
Conf. Tourney	13 th place
Wirt	W
E.C. Central	W
Sectionals	10 th place
Final Record	7-8



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- ✓ Above left, Sophomore Dave Buksar looks to see where his ball has gone after taking his shot.
- ✓ Above center, Sophomore Pete Protolipac takes a good swing at the ball in hopes of scoring under par.
- ✓ Above right, Junior Robert Giancola smiles confidently as he watches his ball head towards the green.



- ✓ Above left, Sophomore Kyle Lesar has a look of excitement on his face as he watches his ball sail through the air during a match at Wicker Park.
- ✓ Above right, Sophomore Nick Loomis follows through with his shot during a match against Lake Station.

POMS

A groovy new squad

The poms squad this year faced many new challenges, such as losing a great number of seniors to graduation, working with new squad members, and gaining a new sponsor, *Mrs. Natalie Bajda*. The squad, performing at a variety of events, danced to a wide variety of music, from pop to alternative to swing. In a departure from years past, the squad also performed without their flags and focused its attention on the numerous dance routines. "My first year as the poms coach has been a learning, but also a great experience," stated *Coach Bajda*. "The girls have risen to the challenge to improve and try new things," she added.



✓ Above, Freshman *Brooke Malkowski* and sophomore *Kara Krask* appear pretty confident as they complete their dance to Mariah Carey's "Fantasy".

✓ Left, Sophomores *Rachel Rodgers*, *Danielle Goodman*, and *Heather Thorgren* concentrate on each step of their dance routine, making sure not to make any mistakes.



✓ Left, Freshman *Amanda Harris* keeps her cool as she performs in her first homecoming pep-rally.

✓ Right, Sophomore *April Irizarry* tries her best to stay enthusiastic and dry at the homecoming football game.



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√ Above, Members of the poms squad prepare to perform at one of the many home boys basketball games.
√ Right, Senior Nicole Protolipac makes sure she has all the right moves as she gets down during this dance.



√ Left, The 1998-99 Poms squad. Top row: Brooke Malkowski, Michelle Smith, April Irizarry, Kara Krask, Amanda Harris, Crystal Miller, Raquel Leyba, Katie DeLuna, Marissa Ford, Suzy Boyle, and Coach Bajda. Middle row: Amanda Biagi, Rachel Rodgers, Nicole Protolipac, Tiffany Kontrik, and Laura Nelson. Front row: Captains Danielle Goodman and Brianne Tolbertson.



√ Left, Sophomore Katie DeLuna prepares to help lead Whiting High School fans through the school fight song at a home football game.

√ Right, Sophomore Tiffany Kontrik patiently awaits for her turn to show the crowd just how well she can dance.



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C h e e r l e a d e r i n g

Late start, early finish

This year, the cheerleaders got a late start due to lack of a coach. After try-outs, five cheerleaders would represent WHS. "There were too many problems," said senior **Shannon Hemm**, "that's why the squad broke-up." Soon, interest was lost, causing an early finish to the season. Hopefully, next year the spark will come back and cheerleaders will once again be igniting the Oilers' spirit.



↓ Above, junior **Elaine Prevatte** and senior **Shannon Hemm** show their school spirit by doing an elaborate cheer during the game against Lake Station.

↓ Below left, **Jennifer Matuská**, **Katie Papach**, **Shannon Hemm**, and **Elaine Prevatte** cheer the football team on to a victory against the Calumet Warriors.

↓ Below right, Freshman **Katie Papach** yells to get the crowd "fired-up!" at one of her first football games as a cheerleader for Whiting High School.



Freshmen Girls Basketball

Teamwork pays off

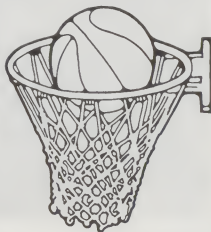
For the first time ever, there was a freshmen girls basketball team. Coaches Dan Nichols and Sara Reed made this young team worthy competitors. Starting off this season the girls were a bit inexperienced, but in the long run it all paid off. The girls united as one and showed all their fans that girls can do anything they put their minds to. The freshmen girls worked really hard and had determination to win. Hopefully next year they can improve upon their 4-6 record.



✓ Above The 1998-1999 Freshmen Girls Basketball Team. Top: Coach Reed, Amy Atteberry, Courtney Oswald, Bobbi Jo Rutherford, Amber Werth, Jalme Menzyk, Nely Cervantes, and Coach Nichols. Bottom: Brooke Malkowski, Jen Pierzchalski, Amanda Smith, and Crystal Miller.



✓ Above, Driving around her opponent, freshman Jen Pierzchalski attempts to pass the ball.



Season Scores		
Bishop Noll	L	22-27
Griffith	W	32-19
Wheeler	L	28-29
Morton	L	25-27
Boone Grove	W	26-13
Highland	L	8-26
Andrean	L	21-42
Clark	W	36-30
Gavit	L	16-29
Munster	W	28-17
Final Record		4-6



✓ Above, Freshman Jamie Menzyk follows her three-point shot while defending her own territory in a close game between the Oilers and the 59ers.

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Freshmen Volleyball

Spike it to me

Due to an overwhelming response, a freshmen girls' volleyball team was formed under the direction of **Coach Lisa Vrabel**.

"It was a successful season," **Coach Vrabel** said, "and the girls were wonderful to work with."

The key to team's success involved the team working as a unit, with each girl putting forth individual effort.

"Each of the players contributed her share and that made our season a success," **Coach Vrabel** added.

Season Scores

Munster	L
Hanover Central	L
Highland	L
Andean	L
Griffith	L
Gavit	L
Calumet	W
Hammond	W
Morton	W
Bishop Noll	W
Lowell	L
Final Record	4-7

✓ The freshmen volleyball team works together for one of their season wins.

FAST FACT

One of the team's most unforgettable moments was beating Bishop Noll and going out to dinner.



✓ #14 **Bobbie Jo Rutherford** and #3 **Stephanie Roberts** work together to block Morton player's spike.

✓ The 1998 Freshmen Volleyball team. Top row: **Bobbie Jo Rutherford**. Second row: **Amber Werth**, **Coach Vrabel**, **Katie Papach**. Third row: **Nely Cervantes**, **Raquel Leyba**, **Chrissy Banas**. Not pictured: **Brooke Malkowski**, **Jen Pierzchalski**, **Laura Fisher**, **Melissa Aponte**, **Stephanie Roberts**.



J.V. Volleyball

Playing with heart

The Lady Oilers combined experience with new talent this year. With six returning players and six new freshmen on the court, the Oilers were ready to play their hearts out.

"I think our girls did a good job and put in a lot of time and effort this year," said freshman **Jen Pierzchalski**. "Next year we're looking forward to a very successful season," she added.

With the help of **Coach Milch**, the Lady Oilers finished their season with a 12-15 record. Although this isn't a winning record, it is the best record the JV squad has put up in two years.

√ Right, The Oilers gather for a pep talk before the start of a big game.

√ Below, Sophomore **Stefanie Hemm** and freshman **Nicole Fetsis** prepare themselves to receive a serve.



√ Above, Freshman **Gianna Rossi** goes up for the spike.

√ Right, The 1998 J.V. Volleyball team.

Season Results

Washington Twp.	L
E. C. Central	W
Hanover Central	L
Merrillville	L
Lake Station	W
Calumet	W
LaCrosse	W
Highland	L
Hebron	L
Morton	L
Wheeler	W
Andrean	L
Horace Mann	W
Clark	W
Lowell	L
Kouts	W
Gavit	L
Munster	L
Hammond	W
West Side	W
Bishop Noll	L
Griffith	L
Roosevelt	W
Bishop Noll	L
Highland	L
Lake Station	W
Gavit	L
Final Record	12-15



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J.V. Football

Turns around its season record

The J.V. football team, consisting only of freshmen and sophomores, had a great year.

After much hard work and practice, the team ended its season with a 7-0 record. This is a dramatic

difference compared to last year's 0-8 record.

The team's perfect record also earned them status as the only undefeated fall sports team this year.

"This year's team was better because everyone worked as a unit and not by themselves," said sophomore Eric Winn.



✓ Above, Jorge Ruiz runs far ahead of the competition for a touchdown.



✓ Above, Sophomore Robby Vrabel and freshman Jorge Ruiz hold back the Bishop Noll offense.

✓ Left, Sophomore Dwain Cook helps his team with a powerful tackle.



Season Scores

Calumet	W	26-20
S. Central	W	43-0
Morton	W	39-6
Lake Station	W	6-0
Gavit	W	20-0
Calumet	W	14-6
Bishop Noll	W	30-6

Season Record 7-0

✓ The 1998 J.V. Football Team. First row: Coach Segudovic, Coach Greer. Second row: Brian Maloney, James Pena, Kyle Lesar, Robby Vrabel, Kevin Rigg, Eric Winn, Dwain Cook, Jon Vujko, Nick Ringer. Third row: Shaun Sanchez, Jorge Ruiz, Mark Adcock, Josh Dado, Ryan Cogdill, J.J. Madison, Francis Raycroft, Robert Velez. Fourth row: Managers Suzy Boyle, Sara Morando, Laurie Edwards, Tiffany Sanchez.

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Girls J.V. Basketball

Girls just wanna have fun

The girls junior varsity team has come a long way this season. With only four returning players, Suzy Boyle, Ashley Cooper, Katie Giglio, and Aletha Dunston, who was injured for half the season, the team had to rely on the freshmen girls for any kind of help. Fortunately, there were many freshmen who fit the bill.

As the season progressed the team grew as one, learning that winning is earned, not always a gift. With the help of coaches Sara Reed and Dan Nichols, winning was made possible for the young team. By the end of the season, the girls grew and worked together, much like a jello mold, much like a team.



☞ Above, Showing that basketball can be quite entertaining, sophomore Ashley Cooper takes a couple of seconds to show off her ball handling skills and have some fun.

Season Scores

Clark	W	26-20
Bishop Nall	L	20-42
Westville	W	20-16
Griffith	L	12-43
Wash. Twp.	L	16-21
Lake Station	W	32-19
Calumet	L	25-28
Highland	L	9-26
Lowell	L	28-44
Morton	L	19-30
Marquette	L	19-35
Andrean	L	11-54
Morgan Twp.	L	22-42
LaCrosse	W	39-26
Wheeler	L	18-30
Gavit	L	17-30
Hammond	W	52-42
Hebron	W	21-18
Munster	L	19-31
Clark	W	Forfeit

Final Record 7-13



☞ The 1998-99 Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Team. Top row left to right: Coach Reed, Suzy Boyle, Amy Atteberry, Courtney Oswald, Bobbi Jo Rutherford, Amber Werth, Aletha Dunston, Jaime Menzyk, Nelly Cervantes, Katie Giglio, and Coach Nichols. Bottom row left to right: Brooke Malkowski, Jen Pierzchalski, Ashley Cooper, Crystal Miller, and Amanda Smith.

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BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Heart and soul but no pay

The boys junior varsity basketball team practiced extremely hard and worked continuously for victories this season. At the start of their season you can tell that the team's hard work paid off because they won their first three games. Although after these wins the team began to improve, they also began to face much disappointment.

"I believe this team has come a long way this season. If you would have seen us on day one and then have seen us at the end, you can tell that there's quite a difference," said freshman Robert Velez. Sophomore Pete Protolipac added, "Our skills both mentally and physically have strengthened. Next year we'll be back two times better."

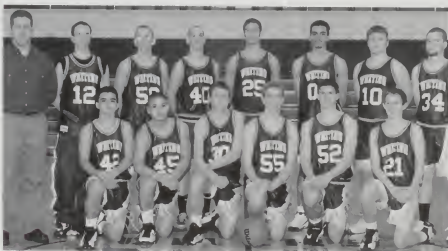


Season Scores

Lake Station	W	29-18
Culver	W	32-25
Westville	W	39-26
Calumet	L	32-60
Wash Twp.	L	19-50
Hanover	L	20-41
Highland	L	33-45
Morton	L	26-36
Hebron	L	29-49
Andrean	L	17-43
N. Newton	L	16-20
Clark	L	31-36
Lowell	L	25-29
River Forest	L	9-33
Gavit	L	10-57
Munster	L	16-41
Hammond	L	23-53
Bishop Noll	L	22-30
Griffith	L	35-43
Marquette	L	27-47
Final Record		3-17

✓ Left, Junior Matt Dado fakes past his opponent and takes a quick three-point shot, which was critical in this intense game against Andrean.

✓ Below, The 1998-1999 Boys JV Basketball Team. Top: Coach Donovan, Jared Hobson, JJ Madison, Sean Coleman, Osbaldo Santos, Chad Boland, and Pete Protolipac. Bottom: Paul Garcia, Robert Velez, Matt Dado, Francis Raycroft, Steve Callas, and Bobby Miller.



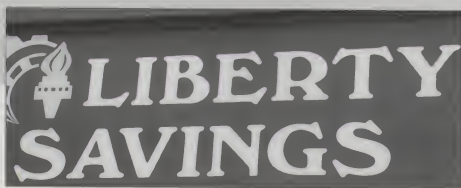
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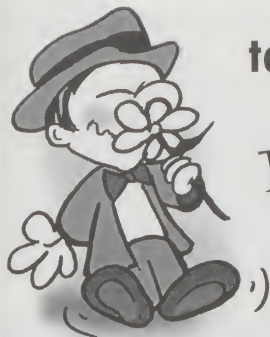
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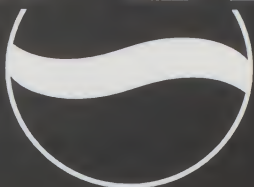
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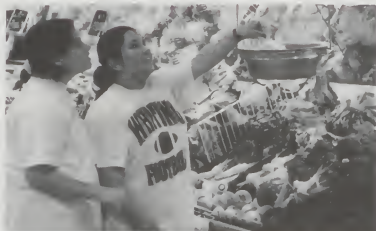


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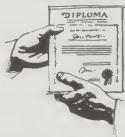
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I dedicate this page to you because in the 18 years that I've been honored to be your mom, you've always made me very proud of your accomplishments: being cheerleading captain, making the honor roll, being editor of the yearbook, and being in the National Honor Society to name a few. I've witnessed you grow from a frail six pound one-half ounce baby girl into a motivated and intelligent young lady. You proved to me time and time again that you took to heart the advice I gave you when you started your high school career: "If you can conceive it and you can believe it, then you can achieve it." This is why I believe you always gave 110% of yourself academically and in your extra-curricular activities while at Whiting High School. If I could look into a crystal ball, I'd say that you definitely can and will accomplish whatever you aspire to become during your college years. Just remember to reach for the stars and always believe in yourself. Many people in years past have told me that they wish they had a daughter like you and that I should consider myself blessed. Well, I do and this is why. You are:

TALENTED

AGILE

SINCERE

INDEPENDENT

MATURE

ATTENTIVE

FAITHFUL

BOOK-WORM

NURTURING

FRIENDLY

ENERGETIC

CONSCIENTIOUS

AMBITIOUS

RESPONSIBLE

HONEST

NON-CONFORMING

ENTERPRISING

YOUNG-AT-HEART

ZANY

Finally, all of the above qualities make you the young adult you are today and definitely make me able to say I am very proud to be the parent of Ms. Tiffany Amber Sanchez.

With my unconditional love,
Mom





*Congratulations to
Our Daughter
Amanda Kay Biagi*
Love,
Mom and Dad

When God created daughters
He took very special care
To find the precious treasures
That would make them sweet and fair

He gave them smiles of angels,
Then explored the midnight skies
And took a bit of stardust
To make bright and twinkling eyes

He fashioned them from sugar
And a little bit of spice
He gave them sunny laughter
And everything that is nice . . .

He smiled when He made daughters
Because He knew He had
Created love and happiness
For every mom and dad.

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How can I ever repay these people?

You'd think that since this is my second year doing an acknowledgments page I'd know exactly what to write, but I don't! I'm completely stumped. I guess the only logical thing to do is to start at the beginning.

When I joined staff my sophomore year, I wanted to be editor. I saw how fun and cool being on staff was, so I decided that I wanted to be in charge. That's how I've always been; if there's something interesting I don't just want to be involved, I want to be in charge. Now that I am finishing my third and final year on staff, I must say that yearbook has helped me with a lot of things. It's helped me grow (emotionally, not physically because we all know I'm the same 4'11" of insanity that I was when I joined staff!); it's helped me make my career choice; and it's helped me realize that I am a terrible procrastinator and perfectionist.

Enough about me, though, because I am only one link in the big chain that it takes to make a yearbook. First, I'd like to send my undying gratitude and a lifetime supply of Fanny May chocolates to our unbelievably amazing adviser *Ms. Hylek*. You have been of more help than you can possibly imagi-

ne over this past year, especially in the grammar department. If I could I would send you on the vacation of a lifetime, but since I can't how about lunch? It's on me.

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Last, but certainly not least, thanks to you the reader. Without you to buy the yearbook, we could not make the yearbook. What would I have done then? It has been an enormous pleasure to produce this yearbook. I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed putting it together. Now if you'll excuse me, I need a gingerbread cookie. Thanks.

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Centennial Graduation

WHS celebrates 100 years of excellence

This year's seniors not only left their marks as individuals, but collectively left their mark as well. The Class of 1999 took its place in history by being the one hundredth class to graduate from Whiting High School. Members of the WHS staff, administration, and community, along with students and alumni, joined together to plan a host of various events in honor of this special occasion.

On Saturday, June 5, the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce presented a slide show in the school's auditorium which traced the history and progress of WHS throughout the past century. Many gathered to see old friends and relive memories. Afterwards, guests were taken on a tour of the school.

On Sunday, June 6, the Centennial Commencement was held in the Memorial Gymnasium, where 1954 WHS graduate and Nobel Prize winner Dr. Ferid Murad served as keynote speaker. Following the ceremony, guests were invited to an outdoor reception/reunion held at the Whiting Park Pavilion.

On Monday, June 7, Dr. Murad spoke to the community at an informal assembly in his honor.

Over these past 100 years, many students have attended Whiting High School. Through hard work, determination, and the help of good teachers, these students grew to become successful both personally and professionally--proud to have been a part of Whiting's remarkable history.



✓ Above, Master of Ceremonies at the slide show, 1958 WHS graduate Al Koch proudly displays a replica of the Whiting High School flag which was presented to the school by the Class of 1929. The flag was designed by teacher Mr. Hershel Griffith who was also the senior class sponsor.

✓ Below, Old friends are reunited before the beginning of the show.



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✓ Above left, Members of the Whiting School Band, under the direction of Mr. Robert Kunz, lead the audience in the school song.

✓ Above right, Alumni and students gather in anticipation of the presentation honoring Whiting High.



✓ Left, Whiting alumni Daniel Gardner Class of '28, Jeanet Gardner Ripinsky Class of '22, Rudy Kodicek Class of '25, and Marjorie Peterson Collins, Class of '30 return to celebrate the occasion.

✓ Above, After enjoying the presentation, Whiting Mayor Robert Bercik exits the slide show.



✓ Above left, Nobel Prize winner Dr. Ferid Murad prepares to speak.

✓ Above right, The Class of '99 listens intently to the keynote address during the graduation ceremony.



✓ Alumni and guests enjoy the reception at the Whiting Park Pavilion.



Closing

Oilers leave their mark

In addition to their studies and regular school work, many Whiting High School students participated in various activities. Some of these activities included field trips, dances, the Red Ribbon Week celebration, a lock-in, sporting events, and graduation. By the time the end of the year comes, almost everyone is dying to get out and have a little fun. Before we go we'd like to take one last look at how the students of WHS left their mark.



✓ Above, Senior Mark Halliar meets ABC Channel 7 news anchor Diann Burns as part of his winning the Lake County Red Ribbon Logo Contest.

✓ Right, Jim Buehring, Ante Dosen, Frank Skiba, Tim Zubeck, and Jay Deel show off their scuba gear before diving with sharks at Typhoon Lagoon in Disney World on the senior class trip. A total of 32 students and three chaperones went on the four-day trip to Florida.



✓ Above, Junior Sara Morando and her date sophomore Chad Boland get a little crazy on the dance floor at Sectionals '99.

✓ Below, Brian Delgado, Mike Uerna, Jorge Ruiz, and Vianey Luna show how much garbage they picked up from the beach as an extra credit assignment for science class.





✓ Above left, Sophomore Pete Protolipac has a mischievous look on his face as he heads for the door after having a good time.

✓ Above right, WHS students Stasha Abrego, Sandra Fernandez, Alonzo Luna, Shawn Turpin, Thes Kollintzas, Dave Verta, Josh Noojin, and Nicole Condy take time to gather for one last picture together at Prom '99.

✓ Right, Seniors Sarah Makis, Stephanie Nagy, and Jessica Moskalick cheer on the fall sports teams at the Homecoming '98 Bonfire.



✓ Left, Seniors Jim Turner and Richard Espinoza relax together before the start of graduation.

✓ Right, Sophomores Aletha Dunston, Robby Vrabel, Rachel Rogers, Pete Protolipac, Kelly Stolman, Paul Garcia, and Shannon Filipek anxiously wait outside their class for the bell to ring.



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